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Tommy Docherty



Eddie Thomson

DYNAMITE for 90 minutes ... that's what fans at Sydney Athletic Field can expect next Sunday. It's be a personal revenge match for Sydney City boss Eddie Thomson, who still cannot believe what Sydney Olympic did to his highly-paid premiers when the teams met in the first round of the NSL at the Pratten Park.

"We could be giving the Doc a dose of his own medicine by reversing that result," Thomson told us last night.

"If Sydney Olympic's defence can hold Kosmina, Mitchell and Boden, they can hold any attack in Australia," Thomson added.

It could be a blood match! Thomson and rival coach Tommy Docherty are already muttering threats about what their players will do to the opposition.

What has caused this break in relations between the two Scots, Thomson and Docherty,

THOMSON SEEKS REVENGE

BATTLE BEGINS

who are normally the best of friends?

Go back a few months to the match between Olympic and Slickers at Pratten Park for the answer.

On that day — a day of infamy as far as Eddie Thomson is concerned — Olympic wiped the floor with Sydney City, giving

Martyn Rogers (in middle of the action against Canberra here) will be one of Olympic's key defenders next Sunday.



AIIS TO SYDNEY?

BY JOHN FIELD

THE Soccer section of the Australian Institute of Sport could be moved from Canberra to Sydney.

If this happens, it will raise a howl of protest from many Soccer people who constantly complain that all the "plums" of the code are awarded to Sydney.

Australia's largest city is the home of the Australian Soccer Federation and the National League. For years, the ASF president has been based in Sydney, despite occasional attempts by Melbourne to get a Victorian into the top job.

Canberra was the logical choice for the AIS but if Soccer is switched to Sydney, it would take Institute Soccer to a much larger population centre.

Conjecture about this move was sparked off when Federal Minister of Sport John Brown, with

other VIP's, visited the NSW Soccer Federation's headquarters at Parklea, near Blacktown.

Mr Brown was enormously impressed by what he saw at Parklea. So was State Minister of Sport Mike Cleary and ASF president Sir Arthur George.

If the AIS moves in to Parklea, it will completely justify administrators like Karel Rodny and Charlie Valentine who have never wavered in their faith of Parklea.

There have been doubters and knockers who called the complex "a white elephant."

It will be anything but that if AIS coach Jimmy Shoulder moves his youngsters from Canberra to Sydney.

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EDITORIAL

AT the risk of boring readers — a risk we do not take lightly — AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY must again dwell on the hottest topic in the code today ... the future of the National League.

Without doubt, the greatest handicap facing the present NSL is the lack of drawing power of teams which travel interstate.

It matters little if Brisbane Lions or Brisbane City have the best teams in the competition — they cannot pull spectators into grounds in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Canberra, Wollongong or Newcastle.

Similarly, Melbourne fans do not watch interstate teams playing in Melbourne.

And the story is repeated throughout the country.

It is difficult to see what the NSL management can do to remedy this headache.

ASW believes it is insoluble.

A supporter of Sydney City, who happens to be an accountant, provided us with very interesting figures on gate receipts.

Let our accountant friend take up the story: —

"Use a club like Brisbane Lions as an example. They play 30 NSL games in a season — 14 interstate and 16 in Brisbane.

"This means that, on 14 weekends of the year, none of their supporters watch Lions play.

"Assume Brisbane Lions have 3,000 fans who pay \$4 a time to watch their team in action.

"So every fortnight, income of \$12,000 is lost. That is \$168,000 for the full season.

"There are 16 teams in the National League. If their losses are similar (some are not, of course) we multiply \$168,000 by 16 and come up with a seasonal loss to Soccer in receipts of a staggering \$2,688,000.

"Apart from this ridiculous loss of income, the National League also loses out heavily when it has to foot the bill for air fares.

"Using Brisbane Lions again as the example, the club has to fly interstate 14 times for NSL matches which must cost in the vicinity of \$20,000.

"So not only are the NSL clubs throwing away good gate receipts by being in this competition, they are also incurring substantial overheads for travel.

"It makes you wonder why they persist."

If the National League clubs finally come to their senses and return to State League competition, they will rid themselves completely of the air fares slug.

They will also attract their own fans to matches every weekend — not just 16 times a year.

The NSL had to be given a go to see if it could become a viable competition.

It has had a fair go. It has failed. Now perhaps Soccer can return to sanity before it goes bankrupt.

Our friend the accountant has, we believe, made his point.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

By Peter Russell

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
SYDNEY CITY	14	10	2	2	30	20	+10	32
MARCONI	16	6	6	4	25	20	+5	24
ST GEORGE	13	7	2	4	26	19	+7	23
NEWCASTLE	14	7	1	6	26	19	+7	22
CANBERRA	15	7	1	7	28	26	+2	22
OLYMPIC	13	6	2	5	21	23	-2	20
A.I.S.	13	5	4	4	14	14	0	19
WOLLONGONG	15	1	5	9	12	33	-21	8
LEICHHARDT	13	1	3	9	13	30	-17	6

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the glamour team of the NSL a humiliating 5 - 1 hiding.

Thomson still has nightmares thinking about the game.

He will never forget the way his players were slaughtered that day... virtually given a football lesson by The Doc's men.

"It was the biggest defeat I've suffered in my whole coaching career," said the Slickers boss.

So next Sunday is revenge day for Thomson and his men. They are confident they'll get a big victory to erase all memories of that disastrous defeat.

But if Eddie Thomson is full of confidence, so is Olympic coach Tommy Docherty.

The Doc is still talking about the super show his players produced a week ago at St George Stadium when they beat Wollongong Wolves in a rearranged NSL game.

"After our brilliant showing against Wollongong, I know my Olympic lads are capable of beating any side in the competition," said Docherty.

One Olympic player keen to turn on a convincing exhibition is Jimmy Patikas, because he'll be back playing on the ground where he learned so much under Eddie Thomson.

Patikas was five years with Slickers and knows each of their players inside out. There have been

signs recently that Jimmy's lost form has been returning, excellent timing for this so-important match against his old club.

Sydney City will rely heavily on the twin strike force of John Kosmina and David Mitchell. If

this pair teams up with the very skilful Joe Watson and Ken Boden, Olympic's sometimes-suspect defence could be shattered.

When you assess the tremendous talent on show in both sides — Kosmina, Mitchell, Boden,

Watson, Souness, O'Connor, Jennings, Patikas, Katholos, Soper, Phillips — it looks like a "who's who" of outstanding NSL stars.

No wonder Sydney City are promoting this as THE BIG ONE!

A.C.T. IS AGAINST SUPER LEAGUES

BY STEVE BURNS

THE A.C.T. Soccer Federation is expected to reject out-of-hand the concept of State Super Leagues and back the continuation of the NSL — but without further expansion.

This is the prediction of ACTSF president, Roger Grylls.

But Mr Grylls stressed that the A.C.T. Federation has yet to formally vote on the issue.

This it won't do until July 25 — less than a week before the crucial national vote on the NSL's future is taken in Sydney.

Mr Grylls said, however, that Executive members had already rejected the Super League concept and it was for this reason that Canberra did not attend last Saturday's meeting to cement the Super League idea.

"It means wiping the NSL and Canberra wants no part of that," Mr Grylls said.

"It's back to park bench,

parochial Soccer."

But he stressed that the A.C.T. was unlikely to vote for an extension to two NSL zones, each with 12 clubs.

"That would be a recipe for disaster," Grylls said.

"Too many NSL clubs are already on the bread-line without further extending the syndrome.

NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

Heidelberg - South Melbourne	2-3
(Murphy, Egan, Yankos o.g. Tansey, Blair o.g. Crowd: 10,000)	
St. George - West Adelaide	0-0
(Crowd: 1952)	
Wollongong City - Preston	1-1
(Willis, Odzakov, Crowd: 3014)	
Brisbane City - Leichhardt	3-2
(Falco 2, Hughew, Gray, Jones. Crowd: 1500)	
Marconi - Brisbane Lions	1-1
(Bozanic, J. Stewart. Crowd: 3200)	
Sydney Olympic - Canberra Arrows	3-1
(Paterson, Patikas, Katholos, Stone. Crowd: 4206)	
Footscray - Sydney City	2-1
(Paton 2, Boden. Crowd: 1500)	
Adelaide City - Newcastle KB	0-1
(Mountford. Crowd: 1500)	

WATSON'S



CROSSES

OUR recent game against Heidelberg at the Sydney Athletic Field proved three things to me — and everyone else at the game.

First, it proved beyond a shadow of a doubt there is no player in this country who can match Mr Magic - Kenny Boden - for skill.

Secondly, it proved that Sydney City are now back on the rails, after all the internal disputes within the club, and are poised to take out the 1983 Championship.

And thirdly it showed that the Slickers have the ability not only to win games but to entertain fans as well.

That 2-0 win was our best display of the season and it marked the return to form of Boden. Kenny's incredible ball control had the fans gasping and applauding and you could sense the excitement of the crowd every time he touched the ball.

Kenny has the skills that our game so badly lacks at the moment and he provided more entertainment in the first half than most people have seen all year. Great stuff K.B. Hope you can keep it up.

Apart from Kenny though, we also played well as a

team and there is now a great feeling of optimism among our players that we can win the League Championship again. After all the trouble at our club this year this would be our greatest win of them all, and a personal triumph for Eddie Thomson.

The great George Best arrived in Australia recently and I'm sure he'll prove a great drawcard for Lions at home and away. When I was a player at Nottingham Forest in my early days, I had the opportunity to watch George Best in action and I'll never forget the buzz of excitement that filled the air whenever he had the ball.

For my money, he was the most exciting player the world has ever seen and I only wish the Slickers were one of the teams he is due to play against during his visit here.

George may not be as sharp as he was but I'm sure every player in Australia can learn something from watching this wizard of the round ball.

All you youngsters out there will never again get such an opportunity to see such talent, so get out and see for yourself and learn from the genius that is George Best.

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE TABLE

TEAMS	AGGREGATE					HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F A P	P	W	D	L	F A P	P	W	D	L	F A P	
PRESTON.....	15	9	5	1	29-12	32	7	1	0	19-5	22	2	4	1	10-7	10
NEWCASTLE.....	15	8	3	4	25-13	27	4	3	1	11-4	15	4	0	3	14-9	12
ST. GEORGE.....	15	7	5	3	18-8	26	4	3	0	9-4	15	3	2	3	7-4	11
SYDNEY CITY.....	15	7	4	4	21-18	25	5	3	0	13-3	18	2	1	4	8-15	7
SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....	15	7	3	5	22-14	24	2	1	3	9-6	7	5	2	2	13-8	17
BRISBANE CITY.....	15	6	5	4	22-26	23	4	2	2	16-14	14	2	3	2	6-12	9
MARCONI.....	15	6	3	6	24-23	21	4	2	2	15-14	14	2	1	4	9-9	7
CANBERRA.....	15	6	2	7	24-20	20	5	1	1	16-5	16	1	1	6	8-15	4
LEICHHARDT.....	15	6	2	7	23-21	20	5	1	2	15-8	16	1	1	5	8-13	4
WEST ADELAIDE.....	15	5	5	5	14-15	20	4	2	3	10-9	14	1	3	2	4-6	6
HEIDELBERG.....	15	4	6	5	14-16	18	4	1	2	10-5	13	0	5	3	4-11	5
ADELAIDE CITY.....	16	5	3	8	17-22	18	3	2	2	9-8	11	2	1	6	8-14	7
STH.MELBOURNE.....	15	5	3	7	18-24	18	2	2	4	9-12	8	3	1	3	9-12	10
BRISBANE LIONS.....	16	4	2	9	20-32	14	4	0	3	14-9	12	0	2	6	6-23	2
FOOTSCRAY.....	15	3	4	8	10-28	13	2	2	3	6-14	8	1	2	5	4-14	5
WOLLONGONG.....	15	1	9	6	20-27	12	0	6	2	8-10	6	1	3	4	12-17	6

He said that the ASF's mammoth document on the future of Australian top Soccer was no longer a secret as it was in the hands of virtually every State Federation Executive member around Australia.

Canberra, however, only had the total concept explained very recently by the NSL secretary, Steve Kamasz.

"Canberra doesn't like the Super State Leagues because even though they say they'd play teams from other States, it would be teams of the League's choice — and would leave out many

"Once more, I'm afraid it's an exercise of State Federations wanting to keep control in their own backyards — even at the expense of the game nationally.

"We are not going to vote for something that turns the clock back."



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AL UP STAGED, BUT ONLY JUST

BY STEVE BURNS

THE current "King of Canberra", Al Grassby, whose personality is as colourful as his clothes, found himself upstaged in friendly repartee recently — with Canberra Arrows' new coach, Attili Abonyi.

There rare event occurred when Mr Grassby, the speaker, was guest-of-honour at the Arrows' last VIP dinner.

Al touched on any subjects — even admitting to once playing Soccer. Then it was Abonyi's turn.

"It's all right for Mr Grassby to make statements," said Abonyi ... "but unlike me, he doesn't have to



deliver the goods afterwards. I do. If I don't, the casualty list is legend."

Too true. But there was no doubt that Mr Grassby proved easily the VIP dinner club's most entertaining speaker to date.

And he couldn't have touched on a better topic than welcoming, as he did, the introduction to Canberra later this year of the 0-28 television service — and without the chance to watch much more top Soccer.

"Soccer is the true multicultural game — the one most appealing and most in step with the multicultural nature of Australia's society and heritage," Mr Grassby said.

Club delegates have already attended one meeting and have reported back to their committees, and they have also heard reports on the meeting between State delegates who gathered under the VSF on July 9.

The Victorians are keen to see a national play-off series at the end of the normal State League programs, and some SA clubs see this as the only way they can afford to be involved in any national competition.

Azzuri secretary, Ted Luliano, whose club is still interested in a national set-up, has expressed doubts about the proposed 24-team plan.

"As far as we are concerned, Adelaide and Brisbane teams would go to the wall finally because of travel expenses," he said.

"And in the end it would be two Leagues (NSW and Victoria) surviving."

"In the present financial climate, the only way we can survive is to have play-offs at the end of the year, and we envisage that as far as SA is concerned, there should be a Super League of eight teams."

"We are still willing to listen to any national proposal from the NSL or the ASF, but every club must have an equal chance of survival."

Doubts have also been cast on the rights of the ASF executive to decide the future of the game at the July 30 meeting.

According to SA Federation secretary Peter Nikolich, only a full Council meeting can make any firm commitment.

"The executive can only recommend," he said.

Unlike Sydney and Melbourne, the SA Federation has left the door open for any NSL or ASF officials to visit Adelaide to talk to clubs about the regional plans.

"We may not agree with the idea but that is no reason for us to reject anyone who wants to talk to the clubs, or us, about the 24-team idea," said Nikolich.

LAST WEEK'S NSL SUMMARY

DUE TO technical production problems beyond our control, it was not possible to publish National Soccer League match reports in last Tuesday's AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY.

We apologise for this omission but here, briefly, is a summing-up of what happened in the NSL games played last week.

PRESTON PEAKS!

PRESTON VS BRISBANE CITY

THOSE doubters who forecast Preston's bubble would soon burst are now having second thoughts. The unfashionable Melbourne team is now high and dry at the top of the NSL and playing well enough to stay there.

Preston slaughtered Brisbane City 4-0 in this match, all goals coming in the second half. Scorers in

SPASMODIC SPARKLE

SYDNEY CITY VS HEIDELBERG

THE 2-0 win for the Slickers did not reflect the team's superiority, particularly in a first half of, sometimes, brilliant football from Eddie Thomson's team.

John Kosmina put the Sydney side a goal ahead with an overhead kick in the ninth minute and Jean Paul De Marigny added the second in the final minute of the match.

DESERVED DRAW

W.ADELAIDE VS WOLLONGONG WOLVES

WOLLONGONG deserved their hard-fought 1-1 draw and would have won the match if Phil O'Connor's shot which hit the post 10 minutes from time had gone in.

The visitors were in front through Roy Cotton in the ninth minute but West Adelaide equalised through Steve Atsalas from four metres 18 minutes later.

FIGHTING TO WIN

CANBERRA ARROWS VS FOOTSCRAY

ARROWS scraped home by the not very convincing margin of 1-0 and had to fight all the way for victory.

The only goal arrived from a 30-metres free-kick by Steve Bryant — the ball being deflected past goalkeeper Dennis Boland on its journey. Footscray played well enough to suggest they are capable, once again, of dodging relegation.

GOALS AND SEND OFFS

MARCONI VS ADELAIDE CITY

PLENTY of goals at Marconi Stadium where the home side went ahead with goals by Tom Sermann and Rene Licata only to see this advantage pulled back when Sergio Melta and Joe Mullen scored for the South Australians.

It was left to Youth Soc-

ceron Rod Brown to get the vital winning goal from close in. High spot (if that is the phrase) of the match saw Joe Rizzotto and Charlie Villani both sent off during the second half.

BEST UP, BUT POOR SHOWING

BRISBANE LIONS VS SYDNEY OLYMPIC

AN official crowd figure of 3,000 was disappointing for Lions who had spent so much money luring the great George Best to Australia as a guest player. Lions hoped for at least 4,000 spectators at each of Best's matches to break even on the promotion.

But at least the brilliant Best helped Lions to a much-needed 2-1 victory. Goals were from Alan Niven and Calvin Daunt of Lions and Peter Katholos, who collected the first goal of the game for Olympic.

MELMAC SLUMPS

SOUTH MELBOURNE VS ST. GEORGE

THE replacement of Rale Basic by Len McKendry as South's coach made not a scrap of difference to the Victorian team's dreadful 1983 slump.

Saints strode to victory 2-0 thanks to goals by Ar-



Xanthopoulos

thur Xanthopoulos (own goal) and Dez Marton in the 15th and 38th minutes. South Melbourne's problems go much deeper than just the coaching position.

KB KO'D TWICE!

NEWCASTLE KB VS MARCONI

NEWCASTLE'S great 1983 form deserted them in the midweek rearranged fixture at Speers Point where visiting Marconi came away with a 2-0 win — and thoroughly deserved the three points.

Rod Brown and Mark Jankovics were the men whose goals killed KB hopes in the 17th and 24th minutes. Nearest KB came to scoring was when guest international Mick Channon's great header hit the Marconi crossbar.

NOW turn over for this week's NSL Round-up

VITAL MEET ON JULY 20

BY TOM McKAIN

A MEETING of SA clubs on July 20 should decide whether Adelaide joins Melbourne to form a "Mini-National League."

THIS IS THE BIG ONE SYDNEY CITY VS SYDNEY OLYMPIC SYDNEY ATHLETIC FIELD

SUNDAY JULY 17
KICK-OFF 3PM

&
YOUTH LEAGUE
KICK-OFF 1 PM
SYDNEY CITY VS
SYDNEY OLYMPIC



Odzakov

a smart side were Zarko Odzakovic, Zoran Ilioski, Peter Ollerton and Claud Lucchesi.

KNIFE EDGE THRILLER

LEICHHARDT VS NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

THIS was a real thriller, with Arno Bertogna heading the deciding goal for Leichhardt, who won 3-2, only seconds from the final whistle.

One minute before that, substitute Brett Cowburn had equalised for KB. The Newcastle team thought they'd done enough to get a share of the points — having recovered from being 2-0 down after Leichhardt goals by Tony Morsello and John Bradley.

Newcastle's first goal came from Peter Burke.



Marshall Soper (Olympic) makes a determined tackle on Canberra's Andy Young at Pratten Park.

ANOTHER BIG GAME FROM OLYMPIC

By TOM ANDERSON.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC posted its notice as a real 1983 championship contender with a brilliant 3-1 win over Canberra Arrows at Pratten Park on Sunday.

This elite Olympic machine surged forward in a manner that made Soccer a pleasure to watch... entertainment plus.

Tommy Docherty's positive stamp is all over this team — the Australian modified version of Manchester United, all action, spiced with individual flair.

Olympic thoroughly deserved this win.

But Canberra also deserve praise for the manner they played and approached their task.

New coach Atti Abonyi was as positive as his counterpart and ordered his team forward at every opportunity.

This was Canberra's first loss under Abonyi, but there was no shame in it for no team in the NSL would have stopped Olympic in this mood.

A few of the players got carried away in the heat of the moment, but, in my opinion, referee Ken Small must shoulder the blame for not clamping down strongly on the strong arm methods when they started.

Olympic opened the scoring in the 38th minute when Steve Paterson rammed one home from inside the penalty area.

But when Mick Coady received a bad eye injury in the 48th minute and Paterson was forced to play as stopper, Canberra came back into the game.

It was no surprise when Ian Stone equalised in the 59th minute.

But in true championship style Olympic fought back and two goals in 30 seconds ended the Arrows hopes of victory.

The first came from Jim Patikas in the 66th minute and 30 seconds later Peter Katholos put the issue beyond doubt with a third goal.

Marshall Soper had a big hand in both these

goals with some unselfish work on the wing.

Special mention must be made of Peter Katholos, Jim Patikas, Ricky Herbert and Steve Paterson for Olympic and Duncan Cole and Steve Hozowski for Canberra.

OLYMPIC: Meier; Rogers, Coady (Patalis 48), Herbert, Jennings; Raskopoulos, Patikas, Katholos, Phillips; Soper, Paterson.

CANBERRA: Hozowski; Murray, Byrne, Walsh, Young; Christopoulos (MacLaren 81), Cole, Redmond; Stone, Brennan, Bryant.

REFEREE: Ken Small. **CROWD:** 4200.

MARIANI'S BAD MISS

A missed penalty by Leichhardt stopper Berti Mariani proved costly as the Sydney side threw away a 1-0 lead to lose 3-2 to Brisbane City at Spencer Park.

Leichhardt won the penalty when referee Allan Kibbler ruled "hands" against Billy Wilkinson, but Mariani wasted the great opportunity to put his side ahead before the break.

HENDERSON LETS LIONS OFF HOOK

by Keith Gilmour

THE crowd came to see George Best in action but it was the fireworks late in the game that caused the commotion as Brisbane Lions salvaged a late 1-1 draw with a gift penalty kick.

Well into the 90th minute, Henderson contrived to deck Russell Stewart and brother John scored from the spot to give the Lions an unexpected point.

Why an experienced ex-Socceroo would give away two valuable points on a platter was more than even Hendo could understand afterwards.

In fact he said he deserved everything that was coming to him.

The entirely unnecessary incident did nothing to help coach Doug Collins' blood pressure.

Dealing with the ex-Irish genius, Best can place his passes and chip to perfection, backheel beautifully, and still "nutmeg" an opponent in a twinkling when the opportunity presents itself.

But with the passage of those 37 years, that old exciting acceleration, that ability to ride out tackles until he took a final scoring thrust — well, it's a case of "Thanks for the Memories."

He sprayed his passes around with precision and came out maybe slightly ahead in a couple of close tussles with wily John Djordjevic.

"So what about \$5,000 a game for Djordjevic in a couple of

years?" asked one wit.

Of particular interest was the spoils of the day in view of the percentage of gate offer made by Marconi to Lions for Best to play.

Marconi took \$10,060 at the gate and sent Lions away with a \$3,600 cheque towards Georgie's match fee. The \$6,460 take for Marconi well and truly justified Fausto Ferrari and his committee taking up the promotion. It was good pickings for a Brisbane Lions game.

Right through the piece Marconi held the upper hand. On my count they managed 11 clear chances to one by Lions, who defended quite well.

The one that fell to Lions was a beauty. Danny Wright and Bob Vincent both had a go right in front and the header from the latter should have been put away.

Then in the 74th minute Steve Hogg brought down Mark Jankovics and Vic Bozanic drove in his penalty like a bullet.

Rene Licata might have been awarded a penalty three minutes later but referee Tony Boskovic dismissed the claim with an almost contemptuous wave of his hand.

MARCONI: James, Bozanic, Djordjevic, McCulloch, Calderan, Carboni, Sermann, Brown, Jankovics, Licata, Henderson (sent off).

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds, R. Stewart, McClurg, Hunter, Niven, Hogg, Best, Wright, J. Stewart, Daunt (Kelso 59), Vincent.

REFEREE: T. Boskovic. **Crowd:** 3,200. **CROWD:** 3,200.

Goalkeeper Kim Wishart picked the right way to dive and parried the ball, no doubt smiling after being dropped a fortnight ago.

It took Leichhardt only eight minutes after half-time to take the lead when City's defence stopped and appealed for offside. Ian Gray ran on to a high lob from Peter Tredinnick and, with only John Kowtan to beat, Gray cut in to score.

With young front-runners Angelo Falco and Steve Glockner willing to chase anything Frank Pimblett pushed through, City were always in with a chance and got their equaliser only five minutes after Leichhardt had gone ahead.

Gary Bromfield broke down the right but was dispossessed by Arno Bertogna, who had one of his poorest games in Brisbane.

Rather than clearing quickly, Bertogna struggled to get to his feet allowing Bromfield a second chance. Bromfield played a short ball back to Glockner who lobbed an intelligent pass to Bobby Hamilton at the near post. A speculative overhead kick

FOOTSCRAY TOPPLE SYDNEY CITY

By Jock Stephen

A strong northerly wind at Schintler Reserve gave home team Footscray a help on the way to toppling NSL champions Sydney City by 2 goals to 1.

Gone were the old style lethargic Footscray in favour of intelligent non-stop team-work. Playing with supreme confidence, every player became involved and more than matched the visitors in skills.

Gary McDowell of Hamilton the Scottish 1st Division side, showed the class which comes from captaining the Scottish side as he supported his mates to an epic victory.

The opening 20 minutes gave Sydney City no option but to play defensively and Footscray gave all they could in their efforts to score.

It was McDowell who gave the perfect pass to Jamie Paton who demoralised Todd Clark, before slotting the ball home in the 21st minute.

Had Sydney City concentrated more on the ball, their performance and results would have matched Footscray's skills.

The free-kick tally had Sydney City well behind with three yellow cards to Footscray's nil.

Ian Souness, Alec Robertson and Joe Watson, all deserved to get booked.

Sydney were showing far more desire for the ball and shots from De Marigny and Boden tested Dennis Boland who was unable to firmly grasp either hot-shot.

The half-time lead was well earned.

The turn around saw Lujic brought down heavily as he was streaking for goal and I feel a yellow card was a poor consolation for Lujic.

Kenny Boden was the lone wolf up front with David Mitchell his only real link towards goal.

This proved successful in the 79th minute when Kenny Boden scooped the ball which had bounced off Boland's chest to equalise.

Sydney's jubilation had barely died down when Curovic was over-anxious in shooting from 40 metres but McDowell steadied them down for Joe Carroll to give Jamie Paton a great chance to finish off an excellent game with his second goal.

Bobby McLachlan's methods have finally come worked at the Schintler Reserve.

I felt that the guiding influence was Gary McDowell but it was a real team effort.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland; McDowell, Hazabent, Kyriakoulias, Tuttill, Belie, Curovic, Carroll, Paton, O'Donnell, Lujic.

SYDNEY CITY: Clark; Souness, Robertson, O'Connor, Cant, Kay, De Marigny (Murray 60), Boden, Watson, Kosmina, Mitchell.

REFEREE: E. Venios. **CROWD:** 1,500.



Berti Mariani climbs high to head clear from Steve Glockner in the Brisbane City — Leichhardt match.

by Hamilton gave the lively Falco a headed goal.

City took the lead five minutes later through former Leichhardt player Alan Hughes.

The Queenslanders completed their 15-minute goalscoring spree when Glockner, Bromfield and Falco combined.

Bromfield passed to Glockner who determinedly got his pass to Falco for the 18 year-old dynamo to blast the ball through goalkeeper Woodhouse's hands.

Leichhardt staged a token comeback and Peter Jones forced Wishart to make a good save in the 71st minute before he finally scored off a Bradley cross eight minutes from the end.

CITY: Wishart, Perry, Liddell, Kowtan, Wilkinson, Hamilton, Pimblett, Fabrizio, (Hughes 50), Bromfield, Glockner, Falco. **LEICHHARDT:** Woodhouse, Carter, Brown, Bertogna, Mariani, Butler, Bradley, Gray, Jones, Tredinnick, Morsello.

REFEREE: Allan Kibbler. **CROWD:** 1,400.

BY GREGG RUSSELL

ROUND UP

SUPER SHOW BY DOC'S MEN

BY DAVID JACK

COACH Tommy Docherty has been saying all year that his Sydney Olympic side is the most attractive and exciting outfit in the National Soccer League.

The 3,005 spectators who watched Olympic beating Wollongong Wolves 2-1 under the St George lights last week, would not argue with The Doc.

On occasions, Olympic are capable of turning on a brand of football which would not be out of place in any League in the world.

The night of the Wollongong match was such an occasion.

Olympic had possibly their finest 90 minutes of the season.

The defence, with Martyn Rogers and Rick Herbert the pick, looked solid under pressure, but it was as creators that Olympic really dazzled the crowd.

Peter Katholos was "man of the match" and had good support from his midfield mates Gary Phillips, Jim Patikas and Peter Raskopoulos.

Up front, Marshall Soper — looking more aggressive than of late — and Steve Paterson provided countless problems for Wolves defenders.

Olympic scored only twice, through Paterson and substitute 19-year-old Terry Patellis, but could have had several more goals.

If Katholos took major honours, Wollongong's Phil O'Connor wasn't far behind.

O'Connor sometimes flatters to deceive but against Olympic, he was dynamite whenever he had the ball... and that was often.

O'Connor had to beat almost the entire Olympic defence when he laid on Wolves goal for Roy Cotton.

Wollongong looked a far better team than their position on the NSL would indicate.

Altogether, a memorable match — almost good enough to revive hopes that the dying NSL is worthy of the kiss of life.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff, Willis, Muhlbauer (Green 79), McBreen, Vlietstra, Ainsworth, Kerr, Fleming, Cotton, Gaffney, O'Connor.

OLYMPIC: Meier, Rogers, Jennings, Raskopoulos (Patellis 56), Herbert, Coady, Paterson, Patikas, Soper, Katholos, Phillips.

REFEREE: Tim Davies.

CROWD: 3,005.

GOALS IN WRONG NET!

By Con Nikolopoulos

A comedy of errors in the opening half of the "Greek Derby" gave South Melbourne a 3-2 win over rivals Heidelberg United, at Olympic Village.

The game, kicked-off by the Premier of Victoria Mr John Cain, produced a record three "own goals" with the home team contributing the confidence-shattering opening goal.

Socceroo sweeper, Charlie Yankos, gave Souths the lead after 16 minutes turning into his own goal a Brown cross.

The goal killed the confidence of the Heidelberg team already under pressure from this surprisingly bright South Melbourne.

Although Souths kicked against the wind in the opening half they dominated in all areas through brilliant midfield play by Alan Davidson, Oscar Crino and Ken Murphy.

Murphy and Crino split Heidelberg's defence with their brilliant charges forward while Oscar Crino controlled the match in the middle using his tremendous skills.

Heidelberg goalkeeper, Jeff Oliver, gave Souths its second goal in the 20th minute: the shaky goalkeeper spilled the ball from a Doug Brown corner and lurking Murphy glided it into the net through a cluster of Heidelberg defenders.

A tactical switch by Ken Morton in the second half however, allowed Heidelberg

back into the game.

Morton drew Campbell into the midfield thus limiting the space available to the opposition: as South Melbourne players admitted after the game the move upset their rhythm because Jimmy Campbell's constant roving upset their attacking plans.

Heidelberg's outstanding forward, Mike Petersen, forced Steve Blair into pushing the ball into his own net in the 52nd minute.

Heidelberg maintained their grip on the game and threatened an equaliser.

Their revival however was cut short by Charlie Egan who turned in a shot from an angle which bounced off Oliver's chest into the net.

South Melbourne's midfielder, Karl Halford revived Heidelberg's hopes in the 75th minute deflecting into his own net a free-kick by Heidelberg's captain, Jimmy Tansey.

HEIDELBERG UNITED: Oliver, McKie, Tansey, McLeod, Spanis, Toro (Valentine 79), Petersen, Selimidis, Campbell, Lea.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Yzendoorn, Xanthopoulos, Davidson, Blair, Murphy, Crino, Halford, Brown, Egan.

REFEREE: S. Zoumas.

CROWD: 10,000.



WOLVES WERE ALWAYS ON TOP

By Phil Murphy

PRESTON coach, Peter Ollerton, blasted the playing surface at Ziems Park after his team struggled to a 1-1 draw with Wollongong City.

To be more accurate, the competition leaders escaped with a point, in a match dominated by Wollongong.

Preston looked a very ordinary outfit and only good goalkeeping by Richard Wilson and poor finishing cost the Wollongong side an easy victory.

If Ollerton was in a mood for criticism, he should have had a few words with his players because they looked very flat and always shaky at the back. The trend of the match was set after two minutes when Wollongong striker, Roy Cotton had a great chance only to shoot straight at goalkeeper Wilson.

Youngster Warren Baker, then headed over the top with the goal at his mercy, Phil O'Connor put a header wide, Cotton failed to connect with a diving header to an O'Connor cross, but finally Wollongong did get a goal.

It came two minutes before the interval from the penalty spot.

Referee, Barry Wilkinson, awarded the home team a penalty after O'Connor was pulled down and full-back, Peter Willis placed the ball into the roof of the Preston net.

Seconds later, O'Connor had the best chance of the game when he found himself completely unmarked almost on the goal line, but his shot hit the post.

In the second half, Wilson kept Preston in the game with brilliant saves from Larry Gaffney and Baker; then after an hour, Preston equalised.

It came about when Phil Kerr, sliced a clearance into the air and as Wollongong struggled to regain possession, Zarko Odzakovic was able to score from close-range.

Baker showed he had a future in the League with a fine debut for Wollongong while Gaffney and O'Connor, again played soundly.

For the disappointing Preston side no one really

Everything went wrong for Newcastle in Adelaide last Sunday — except on the pitch at the Olympic Sports Field where they beat Adelaide City, 1-0 for three precious away points.

The Newcastle gear and boots took off on their own to Melbourne and did not get to

Adelaide until kick-off time. Then at the end of the match the heater in their shower room burst — luckily as the last player stepped clear.

And there was one other aspect of their trip which upset coach, Kenny Kaiser: yellow cards for Craig Mason, Peter Burke and David Jones.

Referee Jim Rossis, handed them out plus another two to City's Sergio Melta and goalkeeper Willie McNally.

And it was the latter booking which brought the only goal of the match.

With some shocking defensive work as Newcastle played with a powerful breeze behind them in the second-half, striker David Lowe got away on his own down the middle with McNally having to run out of his goal and grab the flying youngster round the waist.

Jones stepped up for the free-kick and as McNally blocked it but failed to hold it, Bobby Mountford pounced to make it 1-0 in the 71st minute.

The closest City came to a goal was in the second half when midfielder Carter cracked one from the left wing which had Gosling diving to stop it going in.

And Jones almost scored with a power drive.

While Newcastle coach, Kaiser was delighted with the three points, he said he could be struggling to field a

BUT THEY WON

full-strength team against Brisbane City this week because of those yellow cards.

For City coach, Bobby Ferguson, it was a disaster day as three points, or at least one are essential at home.

He had to take a gamble on teenage front-runners Steve Maxwell, (18), Peter Rankin (19) and Joe Mullen (19) with Charlie Villani suspended.

None of them have the ball-skills or the experience of Villani.

As it was Newcastle were in strife early, when right winger, Grant Lee pulled a hamstring in the 18 minute and was replaced by Joe Senkalski.

Lee had looked good but Senkalski looked even better.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally; Dods, Flounders, Banfield, Nyskohus, Melta, Blair, Carter, Maxwell, Mullen, Rankin.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling; Maier, Tredinnick, Burke, Mason, Watson, Mountford, Lowe, Lee, Jones, Cowburn Lee (Senkalski 18 min).

REFEREE: J. Rossis.
CROWD: 1320.

SAINTS PRESSURE

By John Economos

ST GEORGE looking to slot into second place on the NSL ladder with maximum points from this match against West Adelaide, were held firmly at the St George Stadium to a 0-0 draw.

Saints playing their second match in three days, showed no signs of fatigue from their Friday night match with Brisbane Lions: they exerted enormous pressure on West Adelaide's back-four, and despite the absence of goals, the match provided excitement and entertainment.

Slater repeatedly slashed his way down the right flank and with monotonous regularity whipped in crosses which were rarely met with challenges from his team-mates on the back post.

West Adelaide on the other hand, showed great caution without being negative, and soaked up all the St George pressure extremely well with some excellent cover-work at the back from sweeper, Bill Amey, and centre-back, Robbie Dunn.

I was disappointed by West Adelaide's long-range, powerful shooter, Graham Honeyman, who hardly fired a shot in the entire match. Honeyman must strike at the target much more if Wests are to get goals.

Despite the absence of goals, the fans were entertained with some good switch-play from Saints' two outside-backs, David Skeen and Robbie O'Shea.

But the star of the match was St George's Australian international David Ratcliffe, who in-

jected enormous strength, inspiration and leadership into his defence.

Ratcliffe controlled the match.

I would like to see Ratcliffe come through more often into attack from the back, to supply imagination and variety, not to mention shots at the target.

On the half hour mark, Saints were a little unlucky not to score.

Veteran left-striker, Dez Marton, Robbie O'Shea and Marton again, combined brilliantly in Wests' box. Marton finally snapped a short-range shot at goal, but the ball ricocheted off goalkeeper, Martyn Crook's left boot to save the day for Wests.

In the 67th minute, from a West Adelaide goalmouth clearance, St George's little right-back, the explosive David Skeen, veered infield and from 30 metres, crashed a lethal left-footed shot off his "wrong boot," well on target to stretch the South Australian goalkeeper.

West Adelaide, stung by this danger, hit back two minutes later when Graham Heys put through Honeyman. Centre-back, Michael O'Shea came racing back to foul and drop Honeyman in his tracks, one metre short of the box.

Referee, Tim Davies awarded a free-kick and flashed a yellow card to

O'Shea. With the clock running out, St George hurried attack after attack at Wests.

Seconds remained as Saints launched their final threat on goal when captain, Peter Stone crossed into the box. The ball was headed across by Wilkinson to Slater. But Slater from only six metres, blasted over the crossbar to throw away two precious points for St George.

West Adelaide's coach, Alan Vest, said after the match: "Of course I'm pleased with the result. St George will win this year's League as they never stop coming at you. Did you see that last 15 minutes of non-stop pressure they threw at us? I was very pleased with my lads the way they held St George out."

ST GEORGE: Greedy; Skeen, M.O'Shea, Ratcliffe, R. O'Shea; Barton (Petkovski 74), Stone, J.O'Shea; Slater, Wilkinson, Marton.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook; McGrigor, Dunn, Amey, Hiern; Atsalas, Brennan, Panagis; Heys, Wormley, Honeyman.

REFEREE: T. Davies.

CROWD: 1952.

FANTASTIC GOAL

BY GEORGE McINTYRE

ONE of the best and most spectacular goals of the year — scored by Robbie O'Shea — killed any hopes Brisbane Lions may have had of beating St George.

Saints were leading 1-0 and coping with pressure from Lions in the 58th minute when Robbie whacked the ball towards goal from at least 35 metres.

His shot was a goal all the way and, at 2-0, the match was in Saints possession.

St George earlier went one up with another super goal by David Skeen one minute before half-time.

Skeen made 30 metres in a fine run from defence and, joust as Lions defenders expected him to pass the ball, Skeen let fly with his left foot to send his side in 1-0 at half-time.

St George's third goal came very late, a couple of minutes before the end.

Paul Wilkinson disposed George Best and sent Robbie Slater away. The young red-head took the ball up to the home defence and scored well.

"Apart from the South Melbourne match, this was our best performance of the season," said a delighted Sains coach Frank Arok.

Lions had chances, particularly in the opening 15 minutes but they found Australia's goalkeeper Terry Greedy in inspired form.

And what of George Best, playing his second game in Australia?

"George was really good in the second half," said Saints coach who was enormously impressed by the passing accuracy and ball control of the Irish international guest.

LIONS: Lownds, McLurg, Niven, Bennett, John Stewart, Hogg (Kelso), Wright, Hunter, Daunt, Vincent, Best.

ST. GEORGE: Greedy, Skeen, R. O'Shea, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Slater, Stone, J. O'Shea, Marton, Barton (Petkovski).

REFEREE: G. Nicholson.
CROWD: 1,200.



CAPTAIN SOCCEROO

WITH JOHNNY WARREN

AROK AND CASEY PRESENCE FELT

THE NSW C.H.S. Inter-Regional Boys Soccer Carnival was held at the Marconi Club between June 29 & 31. The facilities and organisation were of a high standard, as was the competition, which was ably controlled by many National League referees, reports Chris James.

The country sides again showed their improvement, but the semi-finals were fought out between

NAME	CLUB	SCHOOL
Matthew Garland	Cent. Coast	Wyong High
Ian Vaughan	Newcastle	The Entrance
Paul Juergens	Manly	Davidson
Stephen Waugh	Croatia	East Hills Boys
Martin Driene	Liverpool Albion	Moorebank H.
Ali Reda		Kogarah
Alex Bundalo	Fairy Meadow	W'gong High
Darren Nees	W'gong City	W'gong High
David Smirthwaite	W'gong City	Lurnea High
Bill Londres	Sydney Olympic	Lurnea High
Paul Chester	Lethbridge Pk	Colyton
Geoff Biscaya	St George	Port Hacking
Nick Papas	St George	James Cook BH
Paul Darlington	St George	James Cook BH
John Gregson	Melita Eagles	Gronville Bys.
Coach C. James		Bidwill H.S.

Metropolitan East and Hunter and Liverpool and South Coast.



Nicky Pappas.

Metropolitan East won the final 2-0 against the gallant Liverpool side. Outstanding players in the final were Geoff Biscaya and Ali Reda for the winners and Stephen Waugh and Martin Driene for Liverpool. Player of the Carnival was judged to be Stephen Waugh of Liverpool.

It was pleasing to see coaches such as Casey De Bruin and Frank Arok present.

ALL FOUR ONE!



Four under-11 Gladesville United Soccer musketers who have been selected to play for the Gladesville/Hornsby Rep team. Say hello to George Papageorgiou, Harry Stengos, John Pazis and Kerry Tohourogior (front).



KADINA FANCIED

TODAY in Lismore Kadina High School meet Merewether High in a match to determine which school will win a place in the quarter finals of the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup competition.

Kadina have recorded two impressive victories in their last two outings.

They accounted for Toomina 5-0 and Grafton 11-0.

Kadina is highly fancied to win this year's competition.

Two of the outstanding players are David Sharpe and Paul Foster.

David has been offered a trial with Aston Villa in England and a scholarship to the Australian Institute of Sport under Jimmy Shoulder.

Paul travelled to England with the Northern NSW U16 team and impressed Southampton scouts who offered him a trial with the first division club.

LAST 16

ONLY 16 teams remain in the Commonwealth Cup Competition with a few teams playing games to determine the quarter final contenders just as ASW is going to press.

Mereweather are up against Kadina, East Hills face Springwood, Whitebridge play Marsden, Tamworth battle with Kelso, Cabramatta are pitted against Kogarah, Albury contest against Woonona, Mt Druitt combat Davidson and a late report tells us that Canterbury have accounted for Wollongong 4-3 following extra-time.

Canterbury lead the game at three different times but resilient attacking efforts from Wollongong forced them back into the game.

EIGHT BUS LOADS!

WHEN Whitebridge High School played Marsden in the Commonwealth Bank Cup last week, the Whitebridge boys brought eight bus loads of supporters from Newcastle to Englefield Stadium at Dural.

As one visitor cracked: "That's seven more buses than went to Sydney to watch Newcastle KB play Leichhardt in the National League at Lambert Park."

He may have been joking...or was he?

BONNY BROWN, WILL HE NAE COME BACK?

BY TOM ANDERSON.

The beckoning of Brown. Will he go?

MARCONI'S Young Socceroo striker Rod Brown is a man with a mission, a youngster heading for the very top of the Soccer tree.

Like another former Marconi and Young Socceroo striker Eddie Krncevic now with Dinamo Zagreb, Brown seems destined for Europe in the not too distant future.

Scotland in particular is calling and Rod Brown likes what he hears!

And why shouldn't he, for the boy comes from a strong Scottish background with his father having been born in the land of the heather and the haggis.

Which I may add, clears up any difficulties that could have arisen over a work permit or immigration visas in Britain.

Rod Brown was one of Australia's big success stories in Mexico and caught the eye with strong displays in the central striking position.

In fact he sent the Scottish camp into superlatives with his performance against them and it was little wonder they were filled with admiration for the red-headed laddie from Sydney's Western Suburbs.

Since he has arrived back on the domestic scene he has played like a man inspired.

In three games for Marconi he has scored four goals (one disallowed against Newcastle) and he has looked the best central striker in Australia.

Marconi coach Doug Collins - a shrewd judge of Soccer talent - told me last week that the experience in Mexico had done Brown the world of good.

"He was a fine player before he left for Mexico, but he's much more like the finished article now," declared Collins honestly.

As a central striker this youngster has what it takes to reach the top.

He possesses the five essential qualities that makes a good striker - speed, control, directness, strength in the air, and goal flair.

Add to this a very high work rate and you have a young player a coach dreams about.

What he now needs more than anything, and indeed what every good young Australian player needs, is regular match experience against class opposition.

Not that he's done too badly over the past 12 months with his many overseas trips with the Young Socceroos.

Having been present at all his big overseas games the one that vividly stands out is the match against Scotland in Toluca when the Young Socceroos downed the European champions 2-1.

In this tough struggle Brown was opposed to



young Scots superstar Neale Cooper of Aberdeen - for my money the best player on show during the Mexican Finals.

Cooper had just arrived in Mexico fresh from his triumphs with Aberdeen in the European Cup Winners Cup Final and the Scottish Cup Final.

But in the uncomfortable high altitude and on the quaint Toluca Stadium, Rodney Brown gave him one of the most uncomfortable afternoons of his young career.

The determined young Aussie won every ball in the air against Cooper and central defensive partner Dave McPherson of Rangers. He outpaced them and showed a positional sense that bewildered the Scottish defence.

He followed this up with a glory goal in his next outing against Korea and one wonders what the result in this game would have been if he had not been injured scoring the goal.

Brown's critics point out he has a suspect back which may have a big bearing on his future career.

I don't go along with this. Certainly he has been bothered with his back but that's just a run-of-the-mill injury which every footballer picks up now and again.

Another big plus in Brown's favour is his dedication and will to succeed.

If and when Rod Brown does journey overseas it will be a big boost for Australia's 1986 World Cup hopes.

For he's a proud Australian and dearly wants to play for the Socceroos in the senior elimination rounds for the 1986 finals.

Overseas experience would be a boon to him and the Socceroo hopes of qualifying and it would be great to see the likes of Brown and Eddie Krncevic in the Australian line-up together.

LEICHHARDT'S highly-credentialed Austrian midfielder Johann Scharmann hasn't exactly set Australian Soccer on fire since moving here.

Against Sydney Olympic, Scharmann asked to be taken off with a hamstring strain in the first half.

Against Newcastle KB United one week later, the same thing happened.

"He tells me he's fit but he isn't," said an unhappy Fill Botalico, Leichhardt's coach.



Scharmann: no fire

IAN BRUSASCO, Queensland State Federation president, is convinced, like other administrators, that the National League cannot succeed now.

He is opposed to the creation of a "regional" National League. "You tried something nationally for the past six years and it didn't work," he said, adding, "why try something else?"

Interesting to note that the boss of Queensland Soccer is opposed to Australian Federation president Sir Arthur George who remains a supporter of the NSL.

WHILE Michael Weinstein, chairman of the Victorian Soccer Federation has been indisposed during the past few weeks, deputy chairman Cav. Vito Cilauro, and VSF president, John Dimtsis, have been running the State body.

And with the help of George Wallace, VSF secretary-manager, they have done a fine job between them.

The trio organised a meeting at Soccer House in St. Kilda on Saturday with delegates from interstate federations to discuss the NSL's proposal to increase their league to 24 teams next year.

The purpose of the get-together was to find out what reaction other States had to the proposal and to see how it would affect their own State Leagues should the ASF adopt the scheme.

An observer at the meeting was Brian Emery, of the ASF.

THE four-nations international tournament in Australia, which we fear could be a financial flop, will run from Wednesday November 16 to Sunday November 27.

It will open in Brisbane and the final will be in Melbourne.

Contracts have now been signed with Cameroon, Poland and Uruguay who will join Australia in the series.

The timing of the tournament is all wrong. Late November is summer sport time in Australia.

BY the time you read this Jimbo Muir, former Adelaide City and Marconi defender who went to Hong Kong, could be back in Australia.

He returned to Adelaide last week to settle with his wife and family, and is having talks with City and State League First Division club Azzurri.

WEST Adelaide's players are being given a hard time by their supporters.

They are being picked on individually during games for a razzing.

Bill Amey, John Panagis and Paul Wormley were the main targets in the recent draw with Wollongong.

THE break for State League Cup quarter finals which did not involve West Adelaide's reserve team, has given coach Alan Vest a boost for the NSL home match with Heidelberg.

He has had David Dorne (broken toe), Steve Baker (arm), Chris Manou (leg) and George Konstandopoulos (virus) playing despite not being fully fit, and all are contenders for the NSL team.

"This is the first time in weeks we look like having everyone fit and able to fight for a place in the senior team," said Vest.

PROMISING young Wollongong City full-back Phil Muhlbauer enjoyed a day trip to Adelaide recently when Wollongong tackled West Adelaide.

The youngster was on the bench for the game due to an ankle injury to captain Chris Dunleavy but wasn't called into the action.

Coach Willie Wallace feels Muhlbauer will force his way into the team's defence regularly in the near future as he has been playing soundly for the Youth side.

He is strong, confident player who likes to overlap on the wing.

He is also the younger brother of Michael Muhlbauer, who was a very talented inside forward with the old Balgownie Federation club a few years ago.

EVEN allowing that Terry Byrne is 24, the back four of Canberra Arrows averages 21 years, making them the youngest in the National League. The other players are Jim Murray (20), Andrew Young (19), and John Walsh (21).

RAY Richards, that hard-grafting Soccerroo midfielder from the 1974 campaign, has stepped in to fill a gap by taking over as coach of the Marconi Youth team.

QANTAS have helped ease the financial strain for Wollongong City with a special travel package involving trips to Fiji.

Part of the package will be for a guessing competition run by the club while the rest will go to "Miss Wollongong City" at the club's annual ball.

The Qantas office reports brisk business from Wollongong fans since they first backed the club in 1981.

BAS GIAMPAOLO is still bedevilled by the pelvic injury which has kept him out of so many Leichhardt matches.

Now Leichhardt fans are wondering if Giampaolo's problem is incurable.

Let's hope not. Giampaolo's skills, so often hampered by injury, are badly needed in Leichhardt's front line.

LEO WILSON, referees inspector for the National League, was not at all happy about the Soccer ball used in the Leichhardt v Newcastle match.

It was dirty and looked very well used. It will figure in Wilson's match report.



WHEN Wollongong City players agreed to go without pay indefinitely because the club was in financial trouble, it attracted plenty of publicity.

She didn't get any publicity at the time but Mary Santangelo, the young lady who works in the club office, also volunteered to wait for her pay.

When you consider Maria works full-time for the club it was a very nice gesture and one that was really appreciated by the board.

Mary has worked in the

office since the club started and does a great job behind the scenes.

WILLIE WALLACE, coach of Wollongong Wolves, was discussing Wollongong's decision to suspend payments to players.

"We're not the only club in financial strife," said Willie. But we are the only ones to admit it openly and try to do something about it."

Due to a variety of reasons, Wollongong have had only one home game



Wallace: Suspended

in eight weeks. That sort of a run, without gate receipts, would even send Real Madrid bankrupt.

POM JUSTICE

YOUR article "Be Fair" amazed me. How some of our "Pommy" Soccer followers reckon that England didn't do themselves justice and it wasn't their best team.

Having watched and played the game for 20 to 30 years in Great Britain, I just wonder what Stanley Matthews and Horatio Carter and the players in their day, would have said about them. I also watched them here at Lang Park and also last Saturday on TV playing Northern Ireland, whose players also played for a solid nine months. England were actually rubbish.

Also, good luck too Frank Arok's boys, but what was wrong with the few Queenslanders who are usually picked?

Were they made the scapegoats for the New Zealand matches? By the way, congratulations on your Soccer paper. Soccer to me in Australia doesn't get enough publicity.

S. McGregor, Inala, Brisbane.

GET FACTS RIGHT

A LETTER from Mr J. Mennie of Gateshead West (14.6.83) drew my attention.

I do criticise Sydney Olympic's decision in postponing the match against Newcastle. However, I wouldn't go as far as saying that Sydney teams are jealous of Newcastle.

That accusation is ridiculous.

Whoever can't see that Mike Shannon was brought to United for

former World Cup boss said: "Players have dominated South Melbourne for 24 years."

ROBERT Vincent, who joined Heidelberg from Sunderland this season, is back again after recovering from injury. The club has a surplus of midfielders so he is trying out for Brisbane Lions, who might well decide to sign a player of his calibre.

THERE seems to be a baby boom at Wollongong.

Two weeks after defender Jeff Ainsworth and his wife had a son Natch Vardareff and his wife had a daughter.

It seems there was a bit of race on between the two players as to who would be first to become dad.

"I knew it would be me because Natch has always been a bit slow, particularly when I call him off his line," Ainsworth said.

Vardareff (left): daughter and Ainsworth: a son



READERS FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point. Write to The Editor, Australian Soccer Weekly, 281 Broadway, NSW 2007.

wins and for money at the gates needs glasses.

All I can say to Jack Mennie is to get his facts straight.

K. Kariamis, Greenacre, NSW 2190.

YAWNI YAWNI

AS a former 1st Div. (SA and Qld) player, now a qualified senior coach, I was utterly disgusted by Mr Arok's attempt to entertain the public in the recent Aust. v Eng. games.

In issue Vol. No.130 of ASW Mr Arok slams NSW after their hiding at the hands of Qld — then selects no less than six of them for the Sydney clash against England and not even one Queenslanders can get a run.

Then he sends out a team to play a brand of football that in my mind chases people away.

He then comes to Brisbane and never in my life have I been so bored and seen such garbage displayed at this so-called international level. The Aussies were not allowed to play their natural game and they made sure England did not either.

So after two stalemates, no goals for the Aussies, and still no Queenslanders even in Brisbane. He heads for Melbourne and the Aussie's only glory is one own goal after three games.

Does Mr Arok forget that he is supposed to try something to attract people to games. (I am sure most people went to see England and not Australia). Players are paid to entertain the public but are not allowed to by egotistic ambition.

Arok will be remembered as the coach who held England — yawn, yawn, and took Australian Soccer back 25 years instead of the coach who tried to play England at their game — attack, attack.

I am quite sure if the Aussie coach had been Mr Tommy Docherty he, at least, would have had a go and given the crowd their money's worth.

After all they are supposed to be friendly internationals: maybe that was what was missing — prizemoney or a trophy, something to fight for be-

B. Addison, Inala, QLD.

NOT BEST

YOUR paper has predicted several times that the National League has no future. I did not agree until last week when the Lions versus Olympic game attracted only 3,000 people. I heard Lions expected at least 7,000 for the first game by George Best but the crowds are just not interested any more in this NSL. If the game had been between Lions and another Brisbane club, the big crowd would have been there.

The NSL was a good idea but it has flopped. It flopped because Brisbane spectators are not interested in Sydney teams and this disinterest in far away teams is in every State. NSL clubs must sink their pride and return to State competitions or run the risk of losing even the pitifully small following they have now.

G. Mavros, Dulwich Hill, NSW.

IT seems David Lowe, the much-praised centre-forward of Newcastle KB United, is starting to regain the form which left him.

Against Leichhardt at Lambert Park, Lowe supplied the passes for both of his team's goals in their 3-2 defeat.

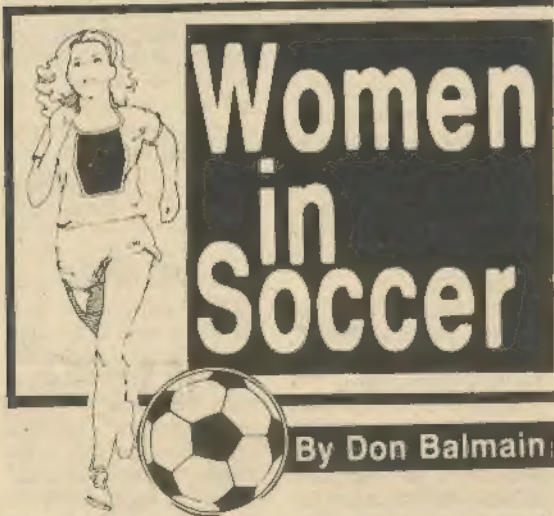
Lowe was one of the major disappointments in Australia's Youth team in the World Championship in Mexico — making virtually no impact on the defences of Mexico, Scotland and Korea.





Meet NSW players Rose van Bruinessen(left), Carol Vinson(centre) and goal keeper Janine Hudson(right)

WARM — UPS!



By Don Balmain

ALTHOUGH small in number, women's soccer in the Darwin City competition make up for lack of players with the enthusiasm in which the competition is played there.

The President of the N.T. women's soccer association, Graham Rees, says that in Darwin, there are five senior teams playing the competition and three juniors. These teams are drawn from three clubs.

The Alawa club fields two senior sides, the 'Demons' and 'Aces' with one junior side called the Imps. The Darwin City soccer club fields two sides, one senior and one junior whilst the remaining teams are drawn from the R.A.O.B. women's soccer club with two seniors, 'Rebels' and 'United' and a junior 'Rebel' side.

Graham says that the second round of the competition has been com-

DEMONS ACES, IMPS, REBELS!

pleted there and the Alawa Demons head the list with an unbeaten record.

The Northern Territory women's soccer federation has been in operation only since 1979 when it was formed in Alice Springs.

Their first annual meeting was held in Darwin in 1980 and the Federation became incorporated the following year.

There are two affiliated associations, Darwin and Alice Springs and it is hoped that in the near future, Grove and

MUCH has been said this year about the encouraging signs of juniors starting to take interest in the women's soccer scene.

In quite a number of states, the emphasis is on the training of soccer players at the grass roots, which in this case, refers to the girls usually about ten years old.

From previous experi-

ence, it has been found that with a dedicated coach and understanding management, girls are starting to read the game so that they can play it reasonably well at the age of fourteen. This has been

equally demonstrated in older players too but a good fourteen year old with a reasonable rate of football learning and a dedication to training will still be the basis of intelligent top class junior players.

A few years ago, New South Wales Women's Federation was represented by a team of fourteen year olds in America. They were very successful but where are the players from that team to-day?

Some of them have been successful in representing their district in senior competition, others are playing senior football. Because of their skill and dedication, they are able to hold their own against older players.

But what of the others, the girls too old for the under fifteen championship sides and too young for the senior state sides?

Girls from my junior state side last year, are still juniors, she said. Because they have passed the fifteen mark, they are prevented from taking any further part in top class football until they are a bit older and can be chosen for the top state side.

New South Wales with the strongest membership of any of the national groups in the Australian Association, is well able to promote an under seventeen competition, as is their northern neighbours, Nthn. N.S.W. which already has a competition of this type well underway. They will have an under 17 team going to play in Darwin early next year.

For his comments on such a scheme, I approached Lionel Sneyd, the Senior Coach of the Northern N.S.W. Women's Federation. He was not overly impressed with the Under 17 competition.

It was a competition that was specifically brought into being to accommodate the girls from the trophy winning under

15 side who won the first Championship for that age group in Victoria last year.

This of course, is the difference in numbers coming to the fore. Yet even with the superior numerical strength of N.S.W., it is definitely not a certainty that the Under 17 competition will get off the ground.

Of the major associations playing in the Sydney region, only one is definite in its proposal for this division. Others are still content in letting their lesser age groups progress through the ranks and find their feet in the senior competition at their own pace.

Yet where would the National Under 15 Championships be if it had been decided to just allow the juniors to play around in club competition without developing the ball skills that many in this age group now have?

It is a complex question that no doubt will sort itself out eventually and unfortunately as much as I would like to see progression of this nature, it is the numbers game coming the fore. With the numerically advantaged states it is not a question of 'now we are ten', but what happens, now we are almost grown up!



Lisa Souey of the Alawa Demons (left) controls the ball well from challenging player, Sue Holmes of the 'Aces' team/Lisa has been chosen to represent the Northern Territory in the Australian Championships which will be held in Perth in August.

Katherine will join with them when they meet the requirements of their Federation.

WINNERS

MARESE Stephens from the Queensland women's soccer association reports that there have been two winners in the monthly soccer girl competition this month.

The first is Michelle Sawyers from the Coalstars club.

A 23 year old mother of two, Michelle has been

playing for 11 years and has represented Brisbane and the State for nine of those years. She is a mid-fielder and was chosen to play for Australia against Hawaii this year.

A 19 year old striker was the second choice for the winning vote. She is Teresa Cronin from the Virginia club.

She played for the Sunshine Coast for five years before playing first division for a Virginia, a first division team.

Teresa was chosen to play for the Brisbane Open side in the state championships



FROSTY

FROSTBITTEN fingers and noses will be the order of the day when State junior (Under 15) sides converge on Canberra on July 15 to complete the second year of the Junior Championship.

The matches will be played on 16th to 18th July on the O'Connor Oval.

Teams from five states will take part in the three day event.

Highlight of the visit will be a visit to Johnny Warren's soccer academy.



ACTION



1. Rebecca Grumley (Epping-Eastwood) and Vicki Beattie (Ryde District Panthers) after a loose ball in a recent Gladesville-Hornsby Division 3 game. 2. Nippy Ryde RSL striker Donna Purchasehouse attempts to dispossess an Epping YMCA girl in a Gladesville-Hornsby Division 1 game. 3. Sharon O'Donnell, Epping-Eastwood Metropolitan League defender, clears the ball gracefully.

STOP SNIPING, ACT NOW: SPITERI

BY PETER DESIRA

IT'S time clubs began looking beyond their own noses and started taking a long hard look at the future of the game, says Green Gully president Guy Spiteri.

"We seem to bungle and stumble our way from one season to the next without ever having the time to sit and think about where Soccer is heading," he said.

"The regionalisation problem has been capturing all the limelight but that is not the only illness

currently affecting the game.

"For a start, player payments have continued to soar and every club is spending a lot more than the money it can generate through the gates.

"I'd like to see a top level conference called by the ASF, involving a lot more top people to look at the long term situation because I really believe the whole lifeline of Soccer is at risk.

"At grassroots level people have got to start

looking beyond their own piece of cake by shooting everyone else down and give some thought to the future of the game."

The president says that the current problems being encountered by NSL clubs has forced his committee to have a rethink about wanting to join the National League next year.

"With Sydney Olympic rumoured to be half a million dollars in the red, Wollongong unable to pay its players, and Sydney

City on the verge of disbanding, one starts to wonder what the hell we would be getting into," he said.

"The states Super League appears to be a more feasible solution. The NSL clubs claim such a move would mean going back to the paddocks.

"But none of them have bothered to take a look at our supposed paddocks to see the development that has gone on at a number of the top State League clubs.



EDDIE GETS RESTAURANT

EDDIE Krncevic, former Australian and Marconi forward, has been given a restaurant in Zagreb.

His club, Dinamo Zagreb, are so pleased with him since he joined them 18 months ago they intend to keep him in Yugoslavia.

Eddie recently starred in Dinamo's 2-1 victory over Sarajevo in the Cup Winners Cup final.

Unfortunately for Eddie and Dinamo, the star striker injured his knee and he will now be out of action for a few weeks.

NORTHCOTE City goalkeeper John Giannopoulos is back in full training and is expected to be available within the next week for a return to the first team.

John injured his arm five weeks ago in the 4-0 defeat at Juventus.

ONWARD SAINTS

ST. ALBANS Dinamo laid the foundation stone of their new \$150,000 club rooms at Churchill Reserve, St. Albans, on Sunday.

The club is determined to be promoted in style this year. As runners-up

of the second division they hope to make the first division in 1984.

A Saints' clubman, Ivan Pavlovic, said: "We will be promoted this year, and hopefully we'll be in the State League the following year."

ANOTHER VIEW!

ALBION Rovers coach Hugh Murney is not happy with the form of his two visa players, so much so that they will be playing in the reserves until they prove they are better than the young players who will replace them.

FORGET IT WAYNE

WAYNE Entwistle, the former Burnley, Leeds Utd and Crystal Palace striker, has been approached by Melbourne Croatia.

Unfortunately, the big striker has his head in the clouds and asked the club for \$17,000 to sign until the end of the season. The club's reply: "Forget it."

But the big striker has cut his own throat because so far he has not found a club to play for. No wonder!

MELBOURNE Croatia were pleased with the result of the game against Sunshine George Cross in the Youth League last week. They say they won 2-1, but that was not the way the Georgie players saw the result.

They reckon the score was 5-2 to Georgie.

Wouldn't it be a good sport if both teams could win every week? Who will admit the defeat to the VSF and face the music. Nice try anyway!

TOPS VISIT

NOVASPORT Australia advised ASW that two top European Soccer teams, Aris Football Club of Salonica, Greece, and Boavista Football Club of Oporto, Portugal, will play a series of matches in Melbourne and Sydney in August.

Both clubs will field their maximum strength with nine internationals

McSTABILITY!

BY FRED VILLIERS

LEN McKendry, South Melbourne's new coach, told ASW his aim was to "bring stability and organisation to the club."

"I have about 12 weeks to go before the end of the season and our aim is to win as often as we can," he said.

"But my first job is to give the team organisation and stability.

"People can judge me

from what I've done in the past then judge me on what I do in the future, given time."

Speaking of South Melbourne, he said: "If they are to be successful they must obtain stability."

"In the past South Melbourne have bought more players than anybody, and have spent more money than anybody else."

"In Soccer fairy tales don't bring you success, only hard work and organisation bring success."



Len McKendry

TEARS

SOME of the players at Green Gully were so upset when Len McKendry told them he was leaving the club that they let their emotions get the better of them.

Mario Borg was seen to have a tear in his eye and so were a few other players. Len must have had a good player-coach relationship.

THE GREEKS DO THINGS SO WELL

WHAT is the atmosphere like in a big European city on the day of the European Cup Final?

People in Athens found out last month when Hamburg and Juventus met there in the big match, with Hamburg winning 1-0.

ASW's man-on-the-spot, Johnny Phillips, sent us this account of a very important day in Athenian Soccer history.

THE Olympic Stadium of Athens was the equivalent of Wembley Stadium when 80,000 spectators crammed it to capacity for the German-Italian European Cup Final between Hamburg, Rudi Gutendorf's old team, and Juventus one of Italy's glamour teams.

Greece was packed with tourists and supporters of both teams — occupying every available accommodation space. Even cities of Salonika-Patras and Valas, some considerable distance from Athens were booked out in the north, whilst large towns of the south which include Tripoli-Kalamata-Corinth and Megara were packed out for this match.

Distances of one hundred kilometres seemed of little consequence to these fanatics.

Athens was a splurge of Juventus and Hamburg vivid colours, taxis, pullmans and private cars were bedecked with coloured streamers of the

two teams. Shopkeepers too, joined in the hectic spree of enthusiasm... dressing their windows with team colours and increasing their turnover.

Square Omonia is the Greek nerve centre of anything odd, illegal and questionable, therefore a multitude of people can be found around there day or night; in fact anytime, much like Piccadilly Circus, London. Here black marketeers are to be found in abundance and Cup Final tickets normally costing around 500 drachmas are available for 5,000 drachmas. Already the usually tolerant Greek policemen are ganging up on these scalpers, many of whom will not only lose their profit but like the English Cup Final scalpers, will languish in jail and suffer pangs of remorse at missing the very game for which they were making such sacrifices.

Much worse to relate, arrests have been made of a rather diabolical nature. Persons found selling counterfeit Cup Final tickets at the price of 10,000 drachmas (approximately \$150) are arrested and treated rather severely. This is quite a serious offence even in Greece for next to Religion, Greeks find excitement, anguish and joy from this incredibly fascinating game Soccer.

The Olympic Stadium is situated some 15 kilometres from Athens on the Kifissia and National highway and was only recently opened on the occasion of The European Games last September.

Huge wagering took place upon this match, as in every other match for

that matter. The Hilton Hotel, Caraval Hotel and The Holiday Inn the rendezvous of sporting speculators, were absolutely crammed with Italians and Germans who would support their teams with enthusiasm and unhesitating anxiety. Juventus were firm favourites and I confess being a supporter of Hamburg to the extent of \$50. I based my wager upon what appeared to promise inclement weather. The German team is used to wet grounds, whilst the Italians are accustomed to fast hard grounds; however it seemed the weather was perfect for Soccer — cool and a nice eastern breeze.

One newly-opened luxury hotel The Athenium Intercontinental possesses 1,200 rooms — a huge establishment of rare beauty and construction.



Italian goalie Dino Zoff.

We Athenians formed the conclusion with such large space to occupy they certainly would soon be in financial straits unless they cater for The Sheiks and their entourages. To my astonishment the place has been booked out for six months confounding the critics and making me look foolish. One hundred yards along from this hotel in Singrou Avenue is another huge and modern hotel Les Marriat

which too is booked out until November next.

Then followed the bitter struggle, with Magaith scoring within the first few minutes which caught Zoff the 40 year old Juventus and Italian World Cup captain napping.

Almost a repeat per-

an impeccable one, but at 40, one must assume that reflexes, and keenness of the eye must be affected, as the years creep by.

The referee was lenient and yet kept control and his two fisted yellow card issue was quite unprecedented. His linesmen helped subdue Juventus with their keen offside speculation and Juventus

did nothing about correcting that.

Juventus played well but gained little leeway whereas Hamburg kept the ball moving goalwards even if indifferently and with such deft and clever footwork did well to hang on to the slender lead and capture the Cup of 1983.

Just a final thought to those people who contemplated getting home after the match to Northern and Southern Greece and the Athenians who had mixed feelings about the whole thing. They were proud to acknowledge the fact the European Cup was hosted by Greece at its magnificent Olympic Stadium.



PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

ATTI ABONYI

BIG WORDS THAT MEAN A LOT!

MOTIVATIONAL psychology, consistency, commitment, dedication — honest graft. Buzz words and phrases to some, but to Canberra's new boss Atti Abonyi they mean deep beliefs and a total love of Soccer.

"Soccer is my life," Abonyi said with obvious sincerity.

"This job at Canberra will cost me dearly if weighed against its impact on my family life. My family, for the moment will stay in Sydney.

"I will live in Canberra — and see the family occasionally."

Yet already Abonyi's personality, his migrant heritage, and his reputation as one of Australian

Soccer's favourite sons, has begun to endear him to fans.

And an away win — Canberra's first — in his first game as coach did him no harm either!

Abonyi, 88 times capped for his country — 58 in full internationals — is under no illusion about the difficulty of his job.

"I took it because managing an NSL side must be the dream of all Australian coaches," Abonyi

said.

QUESTION: What do you look for as a coach and manager?

"Full commitment. That I always put first. Next comes self discipline — on and off the field.

"I was always very ambitious and very dedicated. If you have job to do, you must do it to the very best of your ability. And Soccer is a job.

"Players who don't give 100 per cent I don't want to know.

"I'd rather have an honest trier, junior or senior, than a percentage player — no matter what his skills."

"At this level one is rarely a teacher and I



to be treated as children then they are children. I'm a straight shooter, a coach who wants to understand his players. It's more important that I understand them than they understand me.

"But in the end I have to be boss. It's my head that is on the chopping block and if a team fails,



Abonyi (above) and left, flashback to playing days.

'Soccer is my life'

you don't hear of clubs unloading players. They certainly unload coaches."

Does he have any views about Canberra Arrows?

"Yes, but they are only early ones.

"I think players had lost faith in their ability to perform away from home. It seems that when they left Canberra a depression overtook them that inevitably brought them undone. The win against South Melbourne was a great tonic.

"I have a big squad and the club seems quite well

Is Abonyi a tactician, a coach who likes to use the blackboard?

"Emphatically no. Tactics are only good if they work. On a blackboard you never lose — on a football park it is a different story.

"It all comes back to having the players to do a job and making sure they do it well."

"I treat men as men," said Abonyi. "If they want

mean that in relation to skill levels. But one can ask for — and demand — commitment and honest endeavour."

What does Abonyi look for in a player?

"First skill — and then commitment," was the rapid reply.

A player doesn't have to play for Atti Abonyi, but he does have to play for his club — with everything he has to give.

endowed with good up-and-coming junior talent."

How difficult has it been, or could it be, taking over mid-season?

"Very difficult indeed. It gives you no time to really get to know your squad — and for them to relate to you as coach. I am a big believer in motivational psychology and that is perhaps best achieved when you have a team before a season starts.

"But I will be looking to motivate Canberra. Motivationally there is room for improvement. In my other coaching positions, I was a good motivator — and I think it worked."

What is Abonyi's attitude to discipline?

"Put simply, I can be the most patient man in the world. I'll listen to a player who I think may have not tried — or just had an off day. I'll listen once or twice. There won't be any third time around."

The questions and the answers speak volumes for Abonyi the man — one who has succeeded both as player and coach.

"When I played for Australia — and my international career spanned 11 years — I was always proud to pull on the green and gold," he said.

"When I played we may not, as part-timers, have matched the best full-timers in the world. But no one surpassed our team spirit.

"Our team spirit was fantastic. And it is team spirit more than anything else that I look to achieve with Canberra Arrows."

By STEVE BURNS

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OUR "ROCKET" RETURNS, FOR HOW LONG?

PERSONAL BRIEF

BORN: March 22 1956, Sydney (Paddington).

SCHOOL: Patrician Bros College, Fairfield.

JUNIOR CLUBS: Lansvale, Smithfield, Southern Districts, Liverpool, Marconi.

SENIOR CLUBS: Marconi for 10 years.

INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN CAREER?: "My family, Luciano Nesti and Les Scheinflug."

FIRST GRADE DEBUT?: "Back in 1976 when Ray Richards pulled me into the first team at Marconi for the match against Safeway United (now Wollongong City)."

COUNTRIES VISITED THROUGH SOCCER?:

"There have been really quite a few New Zealand, Japan, Israel, Fiji, Hong Kong, Yugoslavia, Greece, Singapore, England, Italy."

FAVOURITE NSL PLAYERS?: "Alan Davidson and Eddie Krncevic when he played here."

IDOLS WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG?: "Pele of course and Ray Richards."

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS?: "Tennis and basketball."

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH?:

"Back in 1980 when Australia played England in the Centenary match at the Sydney Cricket Ground. We lost 1-2. It was a marvellous match played in good spirit."

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT IN YOUR CAREER?: "When Australia failed to qualify for the 1982 World Cup Finals in Spain."

CAR YOU DRIVE?: "A S.X."

FAVOURITE FOODS?: "Steak and Chips and all Italian dishes."

DISLIKES IN SOCCER?: "Getting injured and having to miss matches."

FAVOURITE MOVIE STARS?: "Clint Eastwood and Charles Bronson."

FAVOURITE MUSIC?: "Heavy Metal."

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS?: "36 caps for Australia."

ULTIMATE AMBITIONS?: "I would like to stay in the code when I stop playing. Say by coaching juniors or a secretarial position with some club. But to be honest, I haven't thought too much ahead about it at the present."

ONE of Australia's favourite Soccer sons over the last 10 years, has been the flying, electrifying flankman from Marconi, Peter ("Rocket") Sharne.

Peter for the last two seasons has been playing professional Soccer in Hong Kong with top side Eastern A.A.

Sharne now has returned to Australia for a five week holiday before the season starts again in Hong Kong.

BY JOHN ECONOMUS

Two years ago, "Sharney" was sold by Marconi to Hong Kong for an Australian record fee of \$47,000.

Last year when Sharne arrived back in Australia for a similar holiday and rest, his Australian parent club, Marconi, enticed him to make some guest appearances for them. But it is highly unlikely that Marconi's coach, Doug Collins will have Sharne's service whilst he's here.

Peter told us this week: "Last season when I came here for a rest, I played with Marconi a few matches instead of resting. When I got back to Hong Kong, I was completely exhausted for the first few weeks."

I asked Sharne how many goals he scored for Eastern A.A. this season. He scored 14 goals last year for the Hong Kong club.

"I only scored six this season but for various reasons."

"First of all, I suffered a very bad knee ligament injury which wiped me out of matches for three solid months. When I came back, I pulled a hamstring muscle which knocked me out for another two weeks. So I missed quite a few weeks of football."

"I suppose on top of all this, I was getting marked far more closely than before, restricting my freedom."

Will Peter Sharne return to Australian Soccer?

Who can forget the "Rocket's" performance back in 1980 against England?

Australia in that night match was losing 0-2 at halftime and for the second half, the then Australian coach, Rudi Gutendorf brought on "Sharney".

England was shattered. Time after time Peter Sharne brought the entire crowd to its feet with his blistering, scorching speed, as he burned through the entire England side with deep cutting raids.

Then he laid the foundations to Australia's goal just minutes from full-time.

Centre-back, Tony Henderson knocked a great ball wide out to the right flank from just outside his own box to "Sharney".

Sharne gathered the pass 55 metres out from the England goal. Again he was away and completely busted England's defence-lines till he approached goalkeeper, Joe Corrigan racing off his line.

Corrigan read the danger and was left with no choice but to crash bodily into Sharne, fouling him.

Australia was awarded an immediate penalty which Gary Cole smashed in to make the final scoreline Australia 1 England 2.

Such electrifying excitement could be seen again soon here in Australia.

Peter Sharne was, and still is, a top Australian Soccer personality-player which our code has been lacking sadly over the past season or two.

SHARNE'S HONG KONG CONTRACT

"I originally signed up with Eastern A.A. for a term of two years with a two year option. I have completed the first two years and now am waiting on whether Eastern wants to exercise the option."

"At the moment, the club has a new German coach from Singapore and he is in Europe."

"I am waiting for him to come back and telephone me here in Australia to discuss my future."

"Another problem has cropped up. The Hong Kong Soccer Association has brought in a new ruling restricting clubs to having only five European players on their books instead of the previous limit of seven. Last season we already had seven players on our books which means Eastern has to cut back to its quota."

I asked Peter would he be interested in returning to Australia?

"Very much so. I miss my family and friends very much. Also the lifestyle in Hong Kong is so very different from Australia's."

The many faces of Peter Sharne, our 'rocket' continues to blast his way into Soccer hearts.

Q: Who were some of your coaches in Hong Kong?

A: "Last season we had England's Bobby Moore for about three months but now a new German coach has taken over."

Q: This new five European player ruling. Tells a little more about it?

A: "We were runners-up in the Viceroy Cup Final which Bulova won, beating us 2-1."

Q: Who were champions?

A: "Seiko won it with Bulova coming second ahead of us."

"We were runners-up in the Viceroy Cup Final which Bulova won, beating us 2-1."

A: "We had many last season including Graham Paddon, Alan Ball, Terry Cochran, Donny Shanks, Tommy Hutchison, Derek Spence, Jimmy Bone and myself of course."

Q: What kind of sea-

son did your side have?

A: "We improved a little from the previous year where we finished fourth."



Q: Who do you live with in Hong Kong?

A: "I share an apartment with Graham Paddon, former West Ham and Norwich City player, and Greg Shepherd, also a former Norwich City player."





AROUND NEW SOUTH WALES

TENACITY PAYS WITH DIVIDENDS

CROATIA overcame a dogged Ku-Ring-Gai to record a valuable 2-1 victory at King Tomislav Park.

Croatia started the game in an resourceful attacking style with Ku-Ring-Gai showing enterprise with skilful counter-attacking movements. However the tenacity of Croatia's attack early in the second half paid dividends with two goals in the space of two minutes.

In the third minute of the game Arnold broke through on the right side and his low cross was well saved by Curtis. Moments later Curtis pulled off a brave save diving low at a deceiving Croatia free-kick from the left side.

Ku-Ring-Gai looked to have taken an important lead in the 29th minute. A through ball from the left side found Eaton free, he

gained control and put Leak through and his piercing low drive into goal was judged to be offside.

In the remaining period before half-time Croatia seemed to lack cohesion in forward movements while on the other hand Ku-Ring-Gai showed a willingness to succeed in front of goal. Consequently they were rewarded with a fine goal in the 41st minute.

Leak ran onto a well directed through ball, turned inside Basic and drove the ball against the crossbar with Watson beaten but Regan won the fight for the rebound and confidently slotted the ball into the corner of the

goal. Croatia started the second half in a more spirited attacking manner and with inclusion of Davis in the frontline scored two valuable goals.

A corner from the right side of goal was headed forward and Curtis leapt up confidently but on the way down was impaired by his own defender, lost possession of the ball, and in the struggle for possession a Ku-Ring-Gai player was ruled to have handled the ball. Woods made no mistake from the spot.

In the 62nd minute a free-kick from the edge of the area was powerfully driven through the wall by Sterrey forcing Curtis to dive to his left and parry the ball against the post. Silva made no mistake with the rebound

and Croatia were ahead 2-1.

The remainder of the game was heavily conon both sides. Davis, who had replaced the injured Kovacic, spread the game and contestly looked menacing when partned with Arnold or Savor. Knight and Leak continually instigated forward movements but the Croatia defence stood firm.

For Ku-Ring-Gai Curtis played well and couldn't be faulted for both goals. Bertram was a tower of strength in defence and Leak was a constant danger in attacking movements.

In the Croatia side Woods and Sterrey played with determination in defence, Silva was industrious in midfield and Arnold and Davis, when he came on in the second half, played with purpose.

CROATIA: Watson, Woods, Tomasic, Kovacic (Davis 59), Sterrey, Basic, Silva, Savor, Arnold, Rezo, Hensman.

KU-RING-GAI: Curtis, Kevern, Watson, Bertram, Robertson, Berry (Williamson 18-Chaloner 69), Knight, Brockbank, Regan, Eaton, Leak.

GOALS: Croatia (Woods 60, Silva 62), Ku-Ring-Gai (Regan 41).

AUBURN ADVANCE

AUBURN created the upset of the round when they defeated top four challengers Manly 3-2 at Mona Park

Auburn took a commanding 2-0 lead after only 16 minutes. The first goal produced a fine combination of team passing



Ray Carney

between Martinez, who is on loan from Melita, McDermid, Allen and Carney with Allen hitting home Carney's rebound against the post.

The second goal came just four minutes later. Left back Hardwick kicked the ball through for Carney, he beat his defender and from 25mtrs dipped the ball under the crossbar.

Manly replied in the 34th minute. A free-kick from outside the area was hit towards goal by Peter Falconer but rebounded against a defender and Smith tucked the ball away.

Allen had an opportunity in the 55th minute to put the home team further ahead but with the goal at his mercy hit wide. Carney made it 3-1 after he latched onto a pass from McDermid and drove the ball past Cassertari.

Manly pegged one back in the 63rd minute after a corner from Peter Falconer was spectacularly headed inot goal by Geoghgan. Manly continued to attack in the hope of equalising but final passing movements in front of goal let them down.

Midfield partners McDermid and Bobinac and frontman Carney stood out in fine team effort from Auburn.

Manly were best served by Peter Falconer and Steven before he was sent off in the 87th minute.

AUBURN: Bowman, Kelly, Kilkelly, Planinic, Hardwick, Jones, McDermid, Bobinac (Quigley 77), Allen, Martinez (Kinsey 61), Carney.

MANLY: Cassertari, Geoghgan, Jones (Van Heldon 70), K.Falconer, Scott, Williamson, Steven (SO 87), Sherman, Smith, P.Falconer, Stuart (Knoble 85).

GOALS: Auburn (Allen 12, Carney 16, 63), Manly (Smith 34, Geoghgan 63).

AVALA ADVANCE

AVALA boosted their hopes for a spot in the top four with a determined 2-1 win over Blacktown at Knight Park.

It was really a case of two halves with Blacktown dominating the first and Avala controlling the second.

Blacktown continually pushed forward from the outset and were rewarded with a goal in the 15th minute. Stoddart latched onto a pass from the right flank and calmly tucked it past Ahrens.

Blacktown maintained

this pressure with move-ments instigated from Brogan and Stoddart but resolute defending from the Avala held them out.

The second half proved to be a different story as against the first with Avala pushing the ball about in the hope of scoring and consequently they levelled terms when a header from Deller deflected off the Pointer's foot and into goal.

Muniz levelled terms in the 60th minute after he scored from the spot after being tripped inside the

In the 63rd minute a scorching shot from Milne hit the crossbar. Minutes later a combination between him and Hosseini resulted in the latter crossing the ball and Milne missing the return pass from 5 mtrs.

Stoddart responded with some delicate attacking runs and continually looked dangerous. On no fewer than three occasions he endangered Ahrens with skilful drives but the scoreline remained the same and Avala collected the two points.

For the Demons Stoddart and Brogan in the midfield and Wheatley and Turnbull in defence all shone.

Avala were best served by Hosseini in attack and MacKenzie and Vujinovic in defence. On a sadder note Paul Burrows was taken to hospital and may require surgery on an artery in his leg following an injury in the 15th minute.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare, Wheatley, Rasmussen,

Turnbull, Pointer, Selvage, Brogan, Stoddart, O'Shana, McLaughlin, Kirwan.

AVALA: Ahrens, Vujinovic, Deller, Barton, MacKenzie, Milne, Hosseini, Muniz, Tilt, Burrows (G.Fernandez 15), J.Rodriges (Schienflug 80).

GOALS: Avala (Muniz 60, OG), Blacktown (Stoddart 15).

YUGAL PRESS AHEAD

YUGAL overcame a youthful Bankstown 1-0 in a rugged encounter at the Soccer Centre.

For the first twenty minutes of the game Yugal continually pushed forward. In the 14th minute Gagic had took control of a poor clearance but his attempt at the open goal sailed over the bar. Minutes later McIntosh leapt up to meet a free-kick but headed over the crossbar.

Midway through the half a powerful 25mtr drive from Kennedy almost hit the target. Yugal used the off-side trap to perfection and continually blotted out set pieces.

Yugal started the second half with constant forward pressure but Bankstown were equal to the task with quick count-



Chris Themnids: dangerous in attack for Cant-M'ville although his team went down 2-1 to Melita Eagles.

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er attacks. Brown broke through from the half-way and with the Berry to beat was fouled from behind by Clarke. Kennedy made a dashing run down the right flank in the 55th minute and his cross was cleared from goal but his second attempt forced Berry to pull a good save.

McIntosh almost put Yugal ahead in the 60th minute after his shot at goal was cleared off the line by Agostino. Baumgartner forced Lohman to save brilliantly minutes later with his well executed drive.

Gilligan showed his at-

tacking flair when he broke through the Yugal defence and ran into the area but lack of support broke this movement down. Brown and Gilligan combined minutes later and with the Berry beaten Gilligan's shot was cleared off the goal line by Turkoglu.

Yugal scored their match winner with 10 minutes remaining. From a corner McIntosh out-jumped all opposition to head the ball home.

For Yugal Turkoglu and Gogic played with enterprise in defence while in the midfield Baumgartner was always

dangerous.

YUGAL: Berry, Turkoglu, Forrester, McIntosh, Clarke, Pahor, Baumgartner, Gogic, Morsello (Mickovski 70), Zivkovic, Tanoski.

BANKSTOWN: Lohman, Kennedy, King, Agostino, Beck (Sirett 80), Blackburn, Bourke, Parker, Gilligan (Silines 72), Dalton, Brown.

GOALS: Yugal (McIntosh 80).

EAGLES DOWN BERRIES

MELITA registered a valuable 2-1 victory over Cant-M'ville in a controversy packed game at Melita Stadium.

Melita made heavy

weather of the game and only clinched victory with 13 minutes remaining. McAusland drove the ball against the crossbar and the referee ruled that the ball had crossed the line despite the belated appeals from the Cant-M'ville players.

Early in the game Theodorakopoulos broke through and his shot hit the side-netting. Melita responded in the 25th minute Williams crossed the ball to Allan and his header was cleared off the line by Tizzzone and in the scramble for possession El Zein suffered a nasty injury to the left side of the head.

The Berries hit the lead in the 34th minute after Theodorakopoulos ran around Daley and in the covering tackle from Williams the ball popped up for Andreou and to head it in the goal.

Attempts from Farrugia and McKie moments before the break were well saved by El Zein.

Melita levelled terms in the fourth minute of the second half. A dashing run from Griffith and subsequent cross from the left was driven home by Allan.

The Berries were re-

duced to 10 men in the 60th minute after Laws was suprisingly sent from the field.

Griffiths was in the thick of the action minutes later when a pass from him to McKie was crashed against the post. A delicate free-kick from Jamieson found Allan free and his header was well saved by El Zein. Moments later the Eagles scored their disputed goal and with minutes remaining Jamieson hit the upright.

It was a fine second half effort from Melita highlighted by the efforts from Farrugia, Jamieson and Allan.

The Berries defence stood firm with El Zein and Hantzis standing out. Thamnidis worked effectively in attack.

MELITA: McPherson, Williams, Cross, McAusland, Daley, Griffiths, Duarte, Jamieson, Allan, Farrugia, McKie.

CANT-M'VILLE: El Zein, Antonopoulos, Tizzzone, Laws (SO 60), Hantzis, Andreou, Laing, Binos, Theodorakopoulos, Thamnidis, Basterfield (Demetriou 64).

GOALS: Melita (Allan 49, McAusland 77), Cant-M'ville (Andreou 34).

DRAB DRAW

SUTHERLAND and Inter-Monaro fought out a disappointing 0-0 draw at Seymour Shaw Park.

Indeed the excitement was prior to the main game through the efforts of the Sutherland committee who arranged various fairs, competitions and a fun run in the morning with Cliff Young.

During the night vandals had climbed the fences and turned on the sprinkler and consequently the field was saturated with water on many parts of the pitch.

Sutherland was most disappointing as they continually pumped long balls up front instead of shorter effective passes.

Monaro created chances in front of goals but stern defensive efforts and fine goalkeeping from Haynes thwarted them.

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
CROATIA	15	10	4	1	29	8	24

MELITA	16	11	2	3	30	10	24
BLACKTOWN	15	10	0	5	30	16	20
AVALA	15	6	6	3	21	17	18
KURINGGAI	15	6	5	5	18	15	17
SUTHERLAND	14	6	4	4	18	14	16
INTER MONARO	15	5	5	5	22	18	15
MANLY	16	5	5	6	24	26	15
YUGAL	15	4	6	5	15	21	14
POLONIA	14	3	5	6	19	26	11
CANT-M'VILLE	16	4	2	10	20	32	10
BANKSTOWN	16	2	3	11	17	38	7
AUBURN	14	2	1	11	16	38	5

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
BLACKTOWN	15	11	4	0	42	13	26
MANLY	16	10	2	4	43	20	22
MELITA	16	8	6	2	52	31	22
SUTHERLAND	13	10	0	3	43	12	20
KURINGGAI	14	7	6	1	34	13	20
BANKSTOWN	14	8	4	2	33	19	20
CROATIA	15	5	4	6	24	25	14

AVALA	15	4	4	7	27	32	12
AUBURN	14	4	3	7	22	30	11
CANTERBURY	16	4	1	11	22	40	9
YUGAL	15	2	3	10	16	60	7
POLONIA	14	1	3	10	10	43	5
INTER MONARO	15	1	2	12	10	40	4

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
CANTERBURY	15	9	5	1	24	11	23
MELITA	15	6	7	2	33	16	19
MANLY	15	7	4	4	36	19	18
SUTHERLAND	11	8	0	3	31	12	19
CROATIA	13	5	6	2	25	17	16

TABLES

POLONIA	13	8	0	5	15	18	16
BLACKTOWN	14	4	6	4	25	18	14
BANKSTOWN	12	4	3	5	21	21	11
AUBURN	12	3	4	5	15	25	10
KURINGGAI	14	3	3	8	15	24	9
AVALA	14	2	4	8	17	33	8
YUGAL	14	0	2	12	11	54	2

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
ROCKDALE	17	11	3	3	39	21	25
GLADESVILLE	16	10	3	3	32	22	23
WARR - M'BEEN	15	9	4	2	29	14	22
FAIRY MEADOW	16	8	4	4	27	20	20
REV WORKERS	16	5	9	2	33	24	19
ARTARMON	16	8	2	6	38	25	18
WOLLONGONG	16	6	6	4	27	19	18
PENRITH UTD	15	5	6	4	22	15	16
DEE WHY	14	6	4	5	23	25	16
BLACKTOWN U	16	4	4	7	14	17	12
UNI OF NSW	17	4	4	9	16	26	12
NTH BANKS	15	4	3	8	26	28	11

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
BATHURST '75	14	9	3	2	25	8	21
QUEENS PARK	12	9	2	1	26	8	20
NTH RYDE	15	8	3	4	24	16	19
C'TOWN CITY	13	5	6	2	25	15	16
GLADESVILLE	13	6	3	4	14	13	15
BONDI MARINE	14	5	4	5	29	16	14
MT DRUITT	14	5	4	5	17	22	14
L'POOL UTD	13	3	6	5	15	17	12
LANE COVE	14	3	4	7	17	27	10
KINGSFORD	11	3	3	5	14	21	9
CSI	13	3	1	9	13	24	6
B'KHAM HILL	13	1	1	11	12	40	3

NSW FEDERATION RESULTS

STATE LEAGUE 1ST DIVISION

	1	2	3
Auburn v Manly Warringah	3-2	0-3	1-1
S.S.C. Yugal v Bankstown	1-0	1-3	2-4
Melita Eagles v Cant-M'ville Oly	2-1	4-1	5-0
Croatia Sydney v Ku-ring-gai	2-1	1-2	2-1
Sutherland Shire v Inter-Monaro	0-0	4-0	-
Avala v Blacktown City	2-1	2-2	2-2

STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIVISION

North Bankstown v Fairy Meadow	3-1	0-1	0-6
Penrith Utd v Uni of NSW	0-1	4-1	2-1
Wollongong Utd v Rockdale	2-2	0-1	1-2
Dee Why v Revesby Rovers	1-3	1-4	6-2
Blacktown Utd v Parramatta City	2-0	1-3	0-4
Gladesville Ravens v Artarmon	0-1	3-1	1-1
Belmore v Warringah N'been	0-2	1-2	3-1

STATE LEAGUE 3RD DIVISION

Queens Park ES v Mt Druitt Twn	4-0	5-0	3-2
Liverpool Albion v Kingsford	2-1	4-0	1-0
C.S.I. v Campbelltown City	1-1	0-0	0-0
Lane Cove Utd v Bondi Marine	4-0	1-3	1/c/f
North Ryde v Bathurst '75	1-1	1-2	1-6
Baulkham Hills v Bondi Marine	0-0	0-0	1-2
Campbelltown City v Gladesville Hby	1-0	1-0	1-3
C.S.I. v Lane Cove Utd	2-1	3-2	1/c/f

INTER URBAN 1ST DIVISION

Maroubra Utd v Concordia	3-1	4-1
Eastern Creek v Spanish Club	2-1	1-1
Port Hacking v King Tomislav	3-4	1-0
Nineveh Eagles v Hurstville-Zagreb	0-1	2-0
Sydney Uni v Wentworth Waratahs	1-1	0-1
Fairfield Kiev v Fairfield West	4-2	1-4
Eastern Creek v Concordia	5-2	1-0

INTER URBAN 2ND DIVISION

Chelsea v Padstow Park	3-5	0-3
Sydney Maccabi v Chile Sports	2-2	4-3
Moorebank v Pagewood	2-3	2-0
Sydney Maccabi v Moorebank	1-1	2-2
Chile Sports v West Utd	1-2	2-3
West St George v Eastwood S/A	1-3	1-0
Padstow Park v Chelsea	4-3	1-1
Campbelltown Gunns v Pagewood	4-0	3-2

INTER URBAN 3RD DIVISION

	1	2
Macquarie Uni v Robins	4-4	0-1
Liverpool City v Ryde District	3-3	3-1
Blacktown Wands v Green Valley Utd	2-1	0-1
Smithfield H/S v Revesby Rovers	4-1	1-2
Hawkesbury Dist v Green Valley Utd	3-1	1-0
Smithfield H/S v Blacktown Wands	4-0	5-2
Revesby Rovers v Haberfield B/D's	1-4	3-3

INTER URBAN 4TH DIVISION

Dulwich Hill v Nepean Rovers	3-0	2-2
Murray Farm Rang. v Ranger Hajduk	2-2	3-1
Chullora v Blacktown Wks	2-1	1-4
Liverpool Rang. v Helias Posiedon	1-2	3-1
Chullora v Sth Sydney	6-0	1-2
Lithgow Workmans v Roseberry	2-3	0-3
Blacktown Wks v Colo Colo	0-5	1-3

INTER URBAN 5TH DIVISION

Santiago Wands v Sans Souci	ABD	0-3
Jedinstvo Utd v Lansvale Utd	1-4	0-7
Castle Hill v Concord Jun.	0-1	1-2
St Marys RSL v Liverpool Utd	0-2	2-4
Castle Hill v Argentinian L/U	2-0	1-1
Welcome Sports v Concord Juniors	1-5	2-2
Santiago Wands v Jedinstvo Utd	3-5	1-2

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DIVISION 1

Saturday July 16

Bankstown v Cant-M'ville Oly Soccer Centre

Sunday July 17

Ku-ring-gai v Polonia	Parklands Oval
Inter-Monaro v Croatia Sydney	Marco Polo Oval
Manly Warringah v Sutherland Shire	Cromer Park
Blacktown City v Auburn	Gabbie Stadium
Avala v Melita Eagles	Knight Park

DIVISION 2

Saturday July 16

Revesby Workers v Blacktown Utd	Jensen Oval
Artarmon v Penrith Utd	Artarmon Reserve
Rockdale v Belmore	Hurstville Oval

Sunday July 17

Uni of NSW v Dee Why	Little Bay Oval
Fairy Meadow v Parramatta City	Police Boys Grd
Warringah N'been v Gladesville Ravens	Narrabeen Fitness Camp
Wollongong Utd v Nth Bankstown	Berkeley Sports Grd

DIVISION 1

Saturday July 23

Auburn v Avala	Mona Park
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Sunday July 24

Polonia v Inter Monaro	Chopin Park
S.S.C. Yugal v Ku-ring-gai	Fraser Park
Bankstown v Melita Eagles	Soccer Centre
Manly Warringah v Croatia	Cromer Park
Sutherland v Blacktown City	Seymour Shaw Park

DIVISION 2

Saturday July 23

Gladesville Ravens v Rockdale	Peel Park
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Sunday July 24

Dee Why v Artarmon	Graham Reserve
Uni of NSW v Blacktown Utd	Little Bay Oval
Fairy Meadow v Revesby Workers	Police Boys Grd
North Bankstown v Parramatta City	Potts Park
Penrith Utd v Warringah N'been	Cook Park
Belmore v Wollongong Utd	Blick Oval

DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL, THE USUAL REVIEW OF NSW STATE LEAGUE MATCHES DID NOT APPEAR IN LAST WEEK'S ISSUE.

HERE IS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THOSE MATCHES. BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

EAGLES SLAY DEMONS

MELITA overcame a resolute Blacktown with minutes remaining to win 1-0 at the Gabbie Stadium.

Melita can feel slightly

relieved that McKie clinched the winner in the 84th minute with his confident drive at goal. The Eagles had the added advantage of playing against 10 players after Davies was sent from the field in the 18th minute.

FIRST LOSS

SUTHERLAND recorded a valuable 1-0 victory over Kur-ring-Gai at Parklands Oval. This is the first time that the Chasers have suffered a loss at home since the be-

ginning of the 1981 season.

The Sharks scored their valuable goal in the 74th minute. A corner from the left found Groomer free and his shot was saved at point blank range but Cashman followed through to slot it home.

BANKSTOWN POLONIA DRAW

BANKSTOWN and Polonia had an entertaining 0-0 draw at the Soccer Centre.

Gilligan stamped his authority throughout the game and continually looked threatening with his dashing runs.

With seconds remaining Bourke almost produced two points for Bankstown. From the

midfield he pushed the ball wide for Kennedy. He ran to the by-line and laid the ball on for Bourke and his shot forced Barker to save wide.

2-2 BATTLE

MANLY and Avala battled out a 2-2 draw in a controver-

sy packed game at Cromer Park.

Manly hit the an early lead in the 13th minute. A Peter Falconer corner was headed towards goal by Scott, cleared off the line by Deller but Smith was there to crash it home.

Milne equalised for Avala in the 28th minute after he drove the ball from 25mtrs past the un-sighted Cassertari.

In the 63rd minute Smith ran onto a Steven pass, beat MacKenzie's attempted tackle and drove it past Ahrens to make it 2-1.

With three minutes remaining the referee awarded Avala a dubious free-kick for obstruction. Miuniz curled the ball around the wall and into goal. The referee allowed the goal to stand.

MONARO MOVING

INTER-Monaro maintained their momentum for a vital spot in the top four with a convincing 3-0 win over Auburn at Marco Polo Oval.

In the 30th minute Godzik put the home team ahead.

Willox made it 2-0 after he latched onto a Reis' cross and chipped the ball over Bowman and into goal. Reis sealed the issue in the last minute of the game after he turned inside a couple of defenders and slotted the ball into goal.

LAING STARS

CANT-M'VILLE and Yugal fought out a 0-0 draw at Arlington Oval.

Both sides created goalscoring opportunities

but some fine goalkeeping and luck kept the scores deadlocked.

In the 71st minute Hantzis was brought down inside the area and the attempt from the penalty spot was saved by Berry.



Martin Silines scored an amazing six goals for Bankstown in their 6-0 second grade victory.

ILLAWARRA JOTTINGS

THE date has been set for Balgownie's Centenary dinner. It will be in the Mediterranean Room at the Cabbage Tree Motel, Fary Meadow on September 17.

The dinner will be yet another highlight of a year of celebration by Balgownie, a club steeped in tradition.

Players and supporters who have left the Wollongong area and are interested in attending should contact Mrs Dallar Allan at 042-847172.

The club is also on the lookout for information and a photographer for a special centenary book it is having published.

Historian Vince Ward already has a lot of material ready for the book after spending many hours investigating the early years of Balgownie.

SHELLHARBOUR coach John Bingham is being seen in a new role these days.

Formerly one of the best midfielders in the Premier League, the former English professional is playing sweeper behind John Lloyd.

Bingham certainly isn't among the younger brigade in the competition and obviously couldn't go on as a midfielder.

As well as getting things a bit easier in his new role, he will be able to direct operations a lot better.

THE Sweeney brothers played in the same team together for the first time recently.

Eighteen year-old brother Robert was selected in the Tarrawanna side in which his brother Mark is already an established player.

ILLAWARRA teenagers Alex Bundalo and Darren Nees have been selected in the NSWCHS State squad after the recent inter-district titles. Both show a lot of potential and Nees could develop in to a top striker — a rare commodity these days. He scored six goals in the inter-district series and gets goals regularly for the Wollongong City Youth team.

NORTHERN NSW

The six top teams in the Northern NSW Championships figured in drawn matches on the week-end with leaders Weston snatching a last minute equaliser against West Wallsend.

West Wallsend looked certain winners through a goal by Mike Dempsey before full-back Russell Mansley fastened on to a free-kick and ripped a great shot through the defence for a 1-all draw.

Adamstown Rosebuds, given special tactical training by Brian Daykin during the week, produced some sparkling football for the first 20 minutes against Highfield Azzurri but failed to capitalise on chances.

In the 71st minute, referee Warren Miller, pointed to the penalty spot after Adamstown defender Tony De Groot, upended Warwick Alexander and John Georgeff gave Azzurri the lead.

Adamstown's equaliser also came via a penalty when Jim Foley was illegally tackled and Carl Lochrin netted from the spot.

Hamilton Red Star were shocked by Maitland to the tune of 4-1 at Mayfield Park.

Maitland were ahead 3-0 at half time and apart from some early flourish, Red Star proved a disappointing and disjointed unit.

Lake Macquarie improved their semi-final chances with a convincing 4-0 win over Tamworth City and Central Coast were held to a 1-1 draw by Belmont Swansea at Gosford.

RESULTS

Maitland 4 (Foot 2, Sellers, McClelland) bt Hamilton Red Star 1 (D. Milosevic).
Highfield Azzurri 1 (Georgeff) drew Adamstown 1 (Lochrin).
Weston 1 (Mansley) drew West Wallsend 1 (Dempsey).
Lake Macquarie 4 (Caban, Gilbert, Twohill, Baldwin) bt Tamworth City nil.
Central Coast 1 (Gibson) drew Belmont Swansea 1 (Smyth).

By Myles Hay

MARCO POLO PLANS

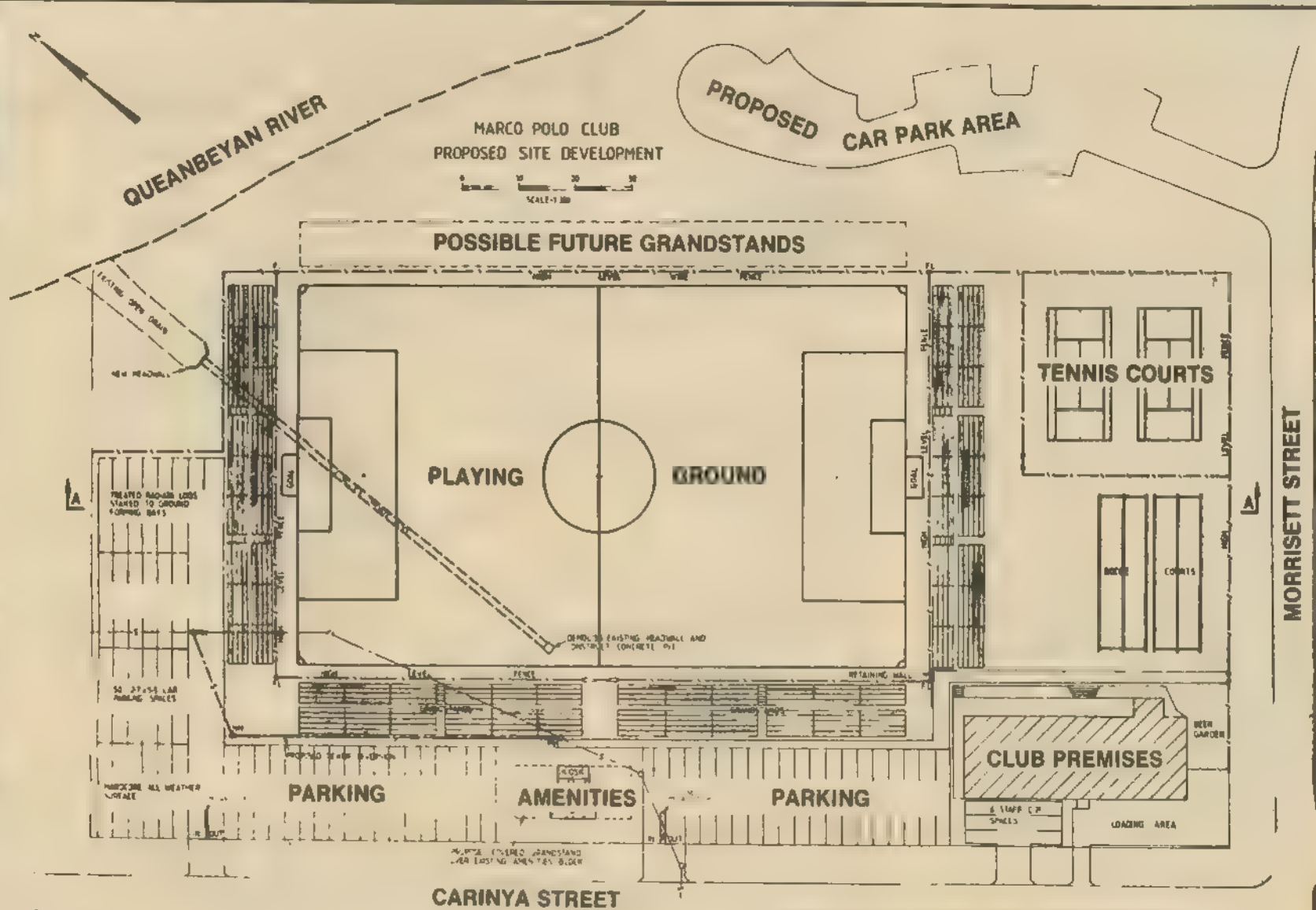
THIS is the proposed million dollar redevelopment plan NSW State League side Inter-Monaro are to undertake. The Polo ground is situated at Queanbeyan on Canberra's border.

The redevelopment involves:

- the laying of a complete new pitch, possibly with an all-weather synthetic surface;
- covered accommodation
- new tennis and bocche courts
- improved parking facilities.

The plan has been submitted to Queanbeyan City Council and the club is confident of approval. Work could start within a matter of weeks and be totally finished in time for the 1984 season. It would then make the ground one of the best privately owned grounds — and licensed clubs — in the NSW competition.

— Steve Burns



GET TOUGH SAY Q'LAND

BY GREG RUSSELL

THE Queensland Soccer Federation last week began the second part of its restructuring program when the council of clubs debated the controversial criteria for the 1984 season.

The criteria calls for the scrapping of the present divisional set-up and the creation of two semi-professional leagues — the premier league and the intermediate league.

All other divisions will be strictly amateur. With more than half of the QSF's 65-member clubs operating on varying levels of semi-professionalism the competition to gain a berth in the top two leagues has become fierce.

But the QSF-structuring committee is deter-

mined to admit only the state's top teams and the criteria contains some of the toughest rules yet imposed on Queensland Soccer clubs.

The criteria has called for the reduction of the two leagues to 10 teams each and decrees strict minimums which each club must meet to gain and keep a place in the divisions.

Every semi-professional club must fully enclose its ground which is

proving to be a difficult hurdle for some clubs to overcome as they play on city council owned public parks.

Each club must also have seating for 250 people, covered walkways from the dressing room to the pitch, a operational scoreboard, a public address system and a press facility.

The clubs must also give an undertaking that their ground will be suitably lit within five years.

There is a provision that there be no promotion or relegation for the first three years but after that the bottom team in each division will have to apply for re-election along similar lines as in England.

A club finishing top of the intermediate league or the amateur division one may apply for promotion.

The semi-professional division will be permitted a maximum of 30 "blue form" players without payment or transfer limits.

The amateur clubs will not be permitted to sign a blue form player after January 1, 1984. Any player currently on blue forms may stay with their amateur clubs but agree to play without remuneration.

QSF president Ald. Ian Brusasco makes no excuses for the criteria.

"The clubs have known for some time what has been coming. There will be some disappointed people at the end of this season when they miss out on a berth but there can be no excuses. We only want the best teams in the top divisions and if a club cannot meet all the criteria then it obviously doesn't deserve the be classed as one of the best," he said.

TASMANIAN CADBURY STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CROATIA	12	8	2	2	31	17	18
JUVENTUS	11	81		2	25	10	17
OLYMPIA	12	6	4	2	37	21	16
RAPID	11	5	2	4	18	17	12
CALEDONIANS	12	4	3	5	26	23	11
METRO	11	4	2	5	18	19	10
UNIVERSITY	12	3	0	9	18	41	6
WHITE EAGLES	11	1	0	10	11	36	2

LEADING GOALSCORERS

Forster (Olympia) 13. Parker (Caledonians) 9. Sherman (Olympia), Thomas (Croatia), Oakes (Croatia) 8. Nichols (Olympia), Ward (Juventus) 7. Kirkpatrick (Croatia), Di Felice (Juventus) 5.

nute after he had been felled by keeper Huigloo — and the game seemed won.

The watershed turned out to be half-time, however. It was then that Peter Sherman was forced to retire suffering from concussion after a clash of heads with Kirkpatrick. His replacement, the bespectacled Ronnie Bolton, was a passenger for most of the second half as the driving rain rendered him virtually blind.

Croatia struck back in the 63rd minute when

Oakes scored after the ball had been cleared twice in quick succession from off the Olympia goal line.

Then, 10 minutes later, in stepped Michael Sherman!

Caledonians won the early match by defeating university 3-0 with goals from Schweiger, Nichols and King.

DETAILS:

Caledonians 3 University 0, Croatia-Glenorchy 2 Olympia 2.

BY "VAN DIEMEN"

ONE Canberra Soccer fan can claim the most despicable act of the year reports STEVE BURNS.

He's the one who has stolen the prized possession of elderly Soccer enthusiast Arthur



Wheelhouse - his genuine English World War 2 "gas rattle."

ASW featured Arthur's story in its first edition of 1983, and how he'd never missed an Arrows' home game and never came without his rattle. It has been a family heirloom for years.

Now it has gone. Arthur is distraught. He's willing to pay a reward for its return - but we hope it can be returned without that.

The culprit can simply ring Canberra Arrows' secretary Karen Grega (anonymously, of course) on Canberra 480708.

WHERE'S ARTHUR'S RATTLE?

OTHER STATE REPORTS



CROATIA LEADS IN TASMANIA

IT WAS a lean weekend in Tasmania as heavy rain forced the postponement of the North versus South State League representative match at South Hobart.

The State League games scheduled for Sunday had already been rearranged for early August so the only Soccer played was the State League double-header at Grove Road on Friday night.

Olympia and Croatia both had the opportunity to overtake Juventus at the head of the standings but it was Croatia who did so as a result of the 2-2 draw.

For Olympia, it was a genuine Greek tragedy and not even Euripedes could have written a better script. Michael Sherman, the centre-back, was yet again the anti-hero. It was he who stood and watched aghast, hands held to head, as his back-pass to the goalkeeper in the 73rd minute stuck in the mud, allowing Mark Oakes to run on to the ball and whip it past Harrison and into the net.

Olympia had started well and Nichols lobbed the first goal from a tight angle in only the second minute. Peter Sherman scored the second from a penalty in the 27th mi-

EIGHT TEAMS 'SUPER' BOOST

NO MONEY NO PLAY

A LEADING Queensland premier league club is set to snub the state's top premier-ship competition and concentrate on winning the Ampol Cup, reports Greg Russell.

The club is annoyed that the Premier League Grand Final will carry no prize money — despite a hefty sponsorship by Queensland Brewers Castlemaine to the Queensland Soccer Federation this year — and intends putting all its efforts into winning the cup which offers \$4500 to the winners.

And several other of the State's top clubs are considering similar moves as Queensland Soccer faces one of its most troubled financial times ever.

The QSF's Premier Grand Final has not carried any prizemoney since a \$1000 sponsorship fell through several years ago. Officials from Ipswich United, which won last year's final State League Grand Final, openly admit that it cost them money to lift the not so sought-after trophy and other clubs are not too keen to follow suit.

"We are running over-budget now so why should we spend more money on trying to win something we won't get anything out of," an official from the club which refused to be named, said this week.

"With the premier league to be reshuffled again at the end of this season it will mean nothing to win the grand

final this year. We may as well try to win the Ampol Cup and finish the season with something to show for our efforts."

While such a business-like attitude could very well balance the club's books it may not go down to well with the club's players who are unlikely to surrender their team's top half of the table position in the hope of reaching the final of the knock-out competition.

But these are desperate times for some Queensland clubs, who not only have been slugged by the usual increases but also have had to find \$1000 a team under the QSF's compulsory insurance scheme.

That premium has knocked clubs from premier league to seventh division and has resulted in a situation where last month the QSF was owed nearly \$50,000 by its member clubs.

Winning the Ampol Cup could very well be the only way out for one or two clubs, particularly one which has heavily committed itself with regard to match bonuses.

With that in mind the competition is certainly set to hot up when the final eight teams clash this weekend.

TALK of an eight-team Super League for the S.A. State League is not only a plan to boost the game, but to help keep Hindmarsh Stadium at its peak.

The home of the S.A. Soccer Federation, it was updated to world standards for the World Cup two years ago, and is not cheap to run.

Main source of income comes from West Adelaide who lease it for their NSL and State League teams for \$16,000 a year.

But that is not enough, so it is planned that if the

of one a game since he kicked off at the start of the season.

... BEOGRAD'S Robbie Krizman looks like being out for the rest of the

... The livewire midfield youngster has had a major knee operation.

ANOTHER Metropolitan League club has bit the

STH AUSTRALIA

BY TOM MCKAIN

eight-team format goes through a "match of the day" will be played at the ground each week.

Under the new format, clubs would meet each other three times, with one of the three matches being staged at Hindmarsh.

It sounds a moneyspinner — if clubs agree.

A similar idea was introduced when the ground was first taken over, but caused heartbreak among many clubs until Lions came along to lease the ground.

Then Hellas (now West).

Internationals and the Ampol Cup night series plus Cup Finals are the only other source of income for the Federation, apart from affiliation fees.

... GARY PRICE must be one of the most successful imports brought from England by a State League team.

The Croatia striker tops the League scoring list with 10 goals, an average

dust. Dinamo has folded after starting with big plans to climb through the Leagues, a victim of the current financial crisis.

... THE Federation Cup semi-finals, scheduled for Saturday, August 20, have now been switched to September 10.

The League matches in all competitions slotted for the September date will now be played on August 20

"After watching that lot I wish someone would ban me."



NSW ATTACK YOUTH LEAGUE

GROUP A	U13	U14	U15	U16
Central Coast v Ku-ring-gai	3-0	1-1	1-0	0-3
Auburn v Blacktown Assn	0-0	3-1	2-0	8-0
Manly v Granville	3-1	2-0	0-1	Man.
St George v Melita	6-1	5-0	3-1	5-1
Canterbury bye				
Manly v Canterbury				2-1

GROUP B	U13	U14	U15	U16
Polonia v Southern Dists	8-0	0-2	4-1	0-3
Illawarra v Nth Bankstown	1-0	8-0	9-0	13-0
Croatia v Gladesville	1-1	0-4	3-0	2-1
Sutherland v APIA	0-0	1-4	1-0	1-3
Sydney City bye				

GROUP C	U13	U14	U15	U16
Nepean v Baulkham Hills	4-0	3-1	0-0	8-0
Marconi v Avala	0-1	4-0	3-0	2-2

Bankstown v Canterbury-Marr.	3-0	3-2	1-3	0-6
Sydney Oly v Macarthur	Syd.	6-0	7-1	10-0
Blacktown City bye				

JULY 3

GROUP A	U13	U14	U15	U16
Melita v Canterbury	2-1	0-13	1-2	0-1
St George v Central Coast	3-0	3-1	1-0	Aban

GROUP B	U13	U14	U15	U16
Southern Dist v Gladesville	0-5	1-0	1-1	3-1
Illawarra v APIA	Illaw			

GROUP C	U13	U14	U15	U16
Bankstown v Blacktown City	0-1			
Marconi v Nepean	0-4	0-1	4-0	1-0

ROUND 1 - Y.L. Semi-Finals ROUND ROBIN

JULY 9

U13: Sydney Olympic 3, Auburn 0, Nepean 1, St George 0, Illawarra 8, Sutherland 0.

U14: Manly 2, Sydney Olympic 1, Canterbury 1, Nepean 0.

U15: Auburn 2, Sydney Olympic 1, Illawarra 3, Polonia 0, Granville 2, Marconi 0.

U16: Sydney Olympic 5, St George 2, Marconi 4, Manly 0, Southern Dist 1, APIA 0.

U14: Play-off: Croatia 0, Sutherland 0.

FINAL POINTS

GROUP A: St George 34, Auburn 27, Central Coast 26, Blacktown Assn 23, Manly 18, Melita 17, Ku-ring-gai 14, Granville 13, Canterbury 8.

GROUP B: Illawarra 32, Sutherland 27, Gladesville 25, Croatia 22, Polonia 21, APIA 19, Sydney City 11, Southern Dists 11, Nth Bankstown 10.

GROUP C: Sydney Olympic 34, Nepean 28, Blacktown City 26, Bankstown 24, Avala 22, Marconi 17.

CANTERBURY Association recently arranged for Dr Kannangara, the Australian Soccer team's medico on recent tours, to speak to junior coaches on sports injuries.

Canterbury's Publicity Officer Helen Saad went along, and here is some of the advice she noted down from the doctor's talk, which will be of wide interest.

The correct diagnosis of sporting injuries is imperative. The condition, if neglected, may become irreversible and consequently put the player out of football forever.

The right treatment at the right time is essential.

LOWER LIMBS

Injuries around the ankles and lower limbs are common in soccer players. They tend to fall into three categories.

1. Direct injury, such as a corked thigh. Ice is placed on the area immediately, otherwise it may take twice as long for the injury to heal.

2. Indirect injury such as when a tendon snaps, especially the hamstring muscle, and injury from the overuse of certain muscles, obviously a condition that is a problem for older players who have been actively involved in soccer over a period of many years.

3. If the player has no feeling in his legs or "tingling", he should NOT be moved.

A broken bone in the foot can mean a player being out of soccer for at least six weeks.

ANKLE

The ankle with its four ligaments on the inside and three ligaments on the outside tends to suffer a lot of twisting injuries.

Some players strap their ankles before going on the field, but unless this is done correctly it is no protection.

KNEE

Another area that tends to suffer from injury is the knee. Instruments have now been developed that can enable doctors to see inside the knee without operating, which is a giant step forward.

The knee is a complex structure and unnecessary operations can be a severe handicap to keen players.

A common injury to the knee is a tear of the

Canterbury-Marr 17, Baulkham Hills 8.

U14:

GROUP A: Manly 31, Canterbury 27, St George 27, Granville 25, Central Coast 19, Auburn 18, Ku-ring-gai 17, Melita 10, Blacktown Assn 6.

GROUP B: APIA 32, Southern Dists 31, Sutherland 31, Illawarra 23, Gladesville 18, Polonia 16, Sydney City 15, Nth Bankstown 8, Croatia 6.

GROUP C: Nepean 29, Sydney Olympic 28, Marconi 27, Bankstown 21, Canterbury-Marr 18, Blacktown City 18, Baulkham Hills 18, Avala 10, Macarthur 9.

U15:

GROUP A: Auburn 32, Granville 30, St George 27, Canterbury 20, Manly 17, Ku-ring-gai 17, Central Coast 15, Melita 11, Blacktown Assn 11.

GROUP B: Illawarra 29, Polonia 28, APIA 28, Sutherland 27, Croatia 18, Southern Dists 15, Gladesville 12, Sydney City 12, Nth Bankstown 9.

GROUP C: Marconi 35, Sydney Olympic 27, Canterbury-Marr 22, Baulkham Hills 21, Blacktown City 21, Avala 20, Nepean 17, Bankstown 9, Macarthur 9.

U16:

GROUP A: St George 30, Manly 28, Ku-ring-gai 27, Canterbury 25, Auburn 24, Central Coast 17, Blacktown Assn 11, Melita 10.

GROUP B: APIA 30, Southern Dists 28, Illawarra 25, Sydney City 21, Gladesville 21, Sutherland 20, Croatia 17, Polonia 7, Nth Bankstown 7.

GROUP C: Marconi 30, Sydney Olympic 29, Canterbury-Marr 26, Avala 22, Nepean 21, Blacktown City 19, Bankstown 14, Baulkham Hills 8, Macarthur 7.

BILL TURNER CUP RESULTS

Hunter Region:

Broadmeadow 8 d Cofe Grammar Newcastle 1; Wallsend 1 d Hamilton Marist Bros 0; Belmont 2 d Swansea 1; Francis Greenway 3 d Nelson Bay 1; Waratah 9 d Singleton 1; Newcastle 3 d St Pias-Adamstown 0; Muswellbrook 3 d Scone 1; Cessnock d Maitland Marist Bros; Cardiff 5 d Toronto 1.

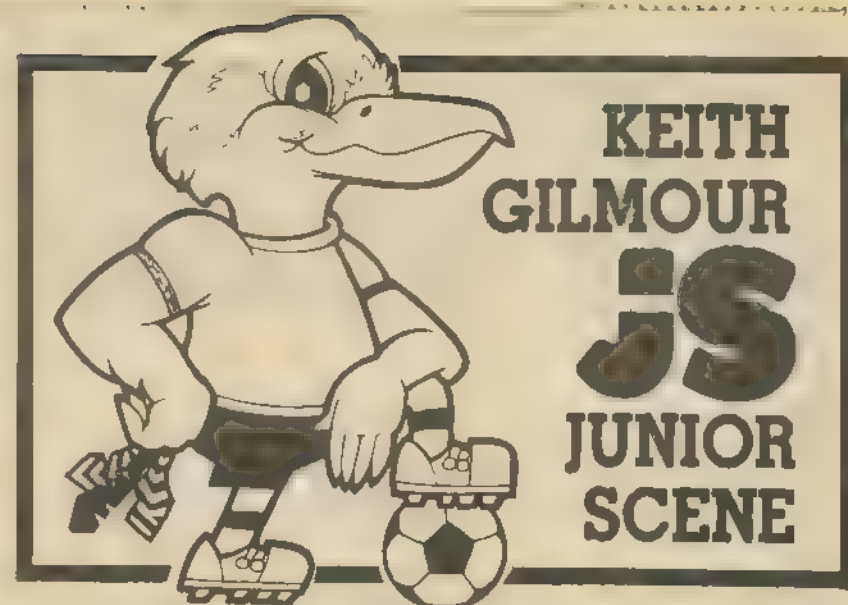
Glendale 4 d Broadmeadow 2; Kotara 1-5p d Wallsend 1-3p; Whitebridge 6 d Belmont 0; Merewether d Irrawang; Francis Greenway 5 d Kurri 0; Warner Bay 6 d Waratah 2; Maitland 2 d Newcastle 0; Booragul 5 d Gateshead 0; Lambton 5 d Muswellbrook 0; Cessnock 7 d West Wallsend 1; Jesmond 2 d Cardiff 1; Raymond Terrace 2 d Morisset 0.

Kotara 1 d Glendale 0; Whitebridge 2 d Merewether 1 (extra time); Francis Greenway 2-3p d Warners Bay 2-2p (extra time); Booragul 1-3p d Maitland Boys 1-2p (extra time); Cessnock 7 d Lambton 0; Raymond Terrace 2 d Jesmond 1 (extra time).

Dungog 3 d Wingham 0; Forster 0-4p d Taree 0-3p (extra time); Taree R.C. d Buladelah; Westport 2 d Chatham 0; Wauchope 4 d Port Macquarie 0; Kempsey 4 d Bellingen 1; Coffs Harbour 2 d Orara 0; Tormina bye.

cartilage which acts as a shock absorber within the knee.

Should a tear occur it will never heal as it has no direct blood supply to promote the healing process.



FROM ACORNS OAKS GROW

"THE Amateur Soccer Federation's Youth League competition can become the supreme competition for youngsters to develop their Soccer skills in company with some of the best potential players in Australia," says John Tscheppera, Canterbury and District Soccer Federation Association's Director of Coaching.

The Youth League is being sponsored by Attack Sportswear and this is an indication of the interest and quality of the League.

Selection in the terms is open to anyone in the district.

There is a good chance that from this competition will emerge the future National Soccer League and State League players, and maybe even some Socceroos to represent Australia.

The under 13 team has had a stormy season so far.

Their coach Robert Patane commented: "If one were to view our match results so far this season in isolation, then one would be forgiven for feeling that the season has not been a success and that there was little to look forward to."

"However such a conclusion could not be further from the truth."

The team's inconsistency could be attributed to the fact that only one regular representative player from the side that was so successful last year was fielded. There were no less than 15 new-

In contrast the under 14 side, after a slow start to the season, developed into a talented and formidable team.

The squad consists of eleven of last year's team which reached the quarter-finals of the under 13 Youth League competition.

Five new members blended in well under the guidance of coach Ron Fagan.

Captain of the side is last year's New South Wales under 13 State captain, David Barrett.

The only disheartening moment to dampen the boys' spirits was the injury to Giuseppe Curcio, their skilful striker who broke his leg 10 minutes into their first competition game.

Not to be deterred, he is now back in training.

On occasions the

It has now been ascertained that abnormal movements within the knee will tend to develop into arthritis at about 40 years of age.

GROIN

When a player complains of groin pain it may be the result of a lot of undue stress and strain being placed on the pubic bone, which should not move, but does in some players because of the nature of the game.

An example of this is the constant transferring of all of the player's body weight on to one leg while he controls the ball with the other.

FOOTWEAR

Wrong footwear can also create fitness problems especially as a player's bones may develop stress fractures or small growths, which become painful when the area is moved in certain ways.

Screw-in studs on a young player's boots have been known to create tender spots underneath a player's foot because of the metal screws constantly adding extra pressure during running.

When faced with the problem of a normal injury to a player's limb, managers and coaches should immediately apply ice to the affected area.

Then if possible compress the injury by bandaging, and elevate the injured part to allow fluid which may have built up to drain.

Heat should not be applied to the injury, as it will only open up the blood vessels making recovery a slower process.

EXERCISE

Even though a player may have an injured limb, this need not stop him from exercising his other limbs, and maintaining as high a standard of fitness as possible at the time.

A good warm up and a few stretching exercises before training, or a game will not eliminate injuries but may help to reduce their severity.

A basic first aid kit of ice packs, bandages and a cooling spray should be available for use at all games.

Should a player sustain an injury it is a wise precaution to have a doctor who understands such injuries look at him, for the player's own welfare and that of the team.

MORE SPONSORS MORE SOCCEROOS

C.D.S.F.A.'s under 15 team have shown their true colours, but coach Sam Cardillo feels that their play will become more consistent as the season progresses.

They possess some talented players, including State Representative player Anthony George.

Perhaps the C.D.S.F.A.'s most talented Youth League side in the under 16s, coached by Robert Gabrielli.

The squad has been together for years, and were runners up in last year's competition.

They hope to do one better this year and win a title for their sponsors, Wing-Keung and Purrazzo Plasterers.

— Helen Saad

THEY CALL THE TUNE

WHO would suspect that these pretty 9-year-old girls are a Soccer players nightmare. Say hello to Jennene McNaught (left) and Lisa Hull.

They both play as fullbacks in Earlwoods undefeated U9/4 team and have stopped many opposing opposition male players!

They are the only girls in Earlwood Soccer Club which has a membership of 420 blokes! They have been well accepted by the boys who depend upon them for stern defensive efforts.

As well as being competent Soccer players they are also accomplished Irish dancers, but they do have trouble fitting in their dancing lessons, which tend to clash with Saturday morning Soccer competition games.



BIG FOUR POW-WOW

THE Northern NSW Soccer Federation Limited, Northern NSW Amateur Federation, Northern NSW Women's Federation and the Christian Churches Association have established a Soccer Council to deal with matters common to the four organisations in the area from the Hawkesbury River to the Queensland border.

The objectives of the Council will be wide and

varied. High on its list of priorities will be the co-ordination of numerical strength as a bargaining medium to obtain sponsorship and to seek Government funding.

- Achieving uniformity of referees' fees and providing assistance to improve the overall standard of refereeing.
- Arranging for visiting teams to play so that there will be no clash of fixtures within the Northern NSW boundaries.
- Co-ordinating State and National championships at all age levels.
- Examining existing policies and, where necessary, recommending new policies concerning playing regulations to achieve uniformity.

The President of the Northern NSW Soccer Federation, Mr Dave Williams, said that the formation of the Council was the most important step the code in this area had taken since the Australian Soccer Federation granted Northern NSW autonomy and State rights in 1958.

Membership of the Council will be limited to four delegates — each one nominated by each of the participating organisations. These are at present: Mr Ernie Lamb, representing the Northern NSW Soccer Federation Limited; Mr Colin Coleman, representing the Northern NSW Amateur Federation; Mr Alan Hampton, of the Women's Federation and Mr Alan Hilder, of the Christian Churches Association.

Mr Coleman, who is the current President of the Macquarie Junior Soccer Association, is the Council's first Secretary.

Messrs. Coleman, Hampton and Hilder have joined the Board of the Northern NSW Soccer Federation Limited. They, with Mr Lamb, will also meet once a month at various venues within the State to conduct Soccer Council business.

Mr Fred Ashman, President of the Northern NSW Amateur Soccer Federation, stood down voluntarily as the Amateur's representative

on the Board of the Northern NSW Soccer Federation Limited to allow Mr Coleman to take that position.

However, Mr Ashman remains on the Board, having been co-opted as an individual member allowed for in the Federation's regulations.

Each member of the Soccer Council will have one vote, and decisions will be reached on a consensus basis. Decisions will be binding on all members of the Council, and the organisations they represent.

Formation of the Council was proposed more than two years ago by Fred Eshman who, with the Northern NSW Federation President at the time, Mr Stefan Kamasz, began the negotiations.

For further information please contact Mr Colin Coleman, (049) 23084 (9.00am - 5.00pm.)

WARATAHS ROMPING IN

WARATAHS moved closer to probably wrapping up the Mid State Soccer premiership by thrashing Email 6-1.

The battle between the two main premiership contenders was a non-event. It was scrappy with good football only in parts.

Waratahs are now six points clear of Email, Bloomfield and CYMS, who are all on 12 points.

Email deferred their Western Area challenge Cup semi-final from Saturday but this didn't help their effort against Waratahs.

The two Robbies, Robbie Brown and Robbie Barrett, sunk Email with three goals each.

Waratahs got their first goal five minutes into the game from a penalty kick by Barrett.

The second came after Brown drew keeper Neil Coles, slipping the ball past him after latching on to a through ball from Barrett.

Going into the break Email were still in with a chance, being down two goals.

Waratahs' third goal resulted from a well placed Barrett cross which found Brown, who scored from close range.

Barrett hit his second goal from about five metres out when he snap-

ped a shot which curled into the top of the net. Email were then able to pull a goal back by scoring from a penalty.

Barrett's hat-trick came when Coles failed to hold a shot from Barrett with the ball bouncing into the goal.

The final Waratahs goal followed a tussle for the ball in front of the Email goal. Brown managed to get the ball into the back of the net again from close range.

Steve Hooper, Barrett and Brown stood out for Waratahs. For Email Kel Davidson, Jack Gartrell and Bob Barclay gave their side some control in the midfield, but the Email forwards had few chances to score.

AT THE Orange Sportsground CYMS had a comfortable win over Mudgee Bushrangers 7-0.

It was Mudgee's first game in a month, while CYMS were backing up from their Challenge Cup semi final on Saturday, CYMS beat Lithgow Rangers 4-1.

Against the Bushrangers Michael Koch and

the coaches and the players. Lee Sterrey knows what kids are about.

Prior to joining Croatia and becoming a first team regular over the past four seasons, he was a junior himself with Padstow RSL in the strong Bankstown district.

Playing in Group B, the team is only having its second year together as a unit. They ended the competition just behind the leading teams, Illawarra, Sutherland and Gladesville, all of whom have had far more years in this standard of football.

It just goes to prove what talent can be found and moulded into a unit, where the boys apply themselves to the job.



BACK ROW: M Bulic (Manager) T Susic, J Romeo, I Tomic, M Bulic, N Orlic, J Simovic, L Sterrey (Coach). FRONT ROW: P Scibberas, R Bergonla, B Radman, Z Herceg, B Mihaljevic, P Matek, P Kovacic, T Planinic.

Jeff McGregor both scored hat-tricks, with Tony Toohey the other scorer. CYMS led 4-0 at halftime and although many would have expected a bigger winning margin CYMS did play well at times.

★

DUBBO South Wanderers are now a point out of the top four after their two-nil win over Parkes Leagues at Parkes.

Both goals were scored in the first half; one after five minutes, the second about 15 minutes later.

Again for Parkes it was a case of the same old story, they had the midfield dominance but fell down by not being able to push forward by playing the ball wide.

At Dubbo East, Dubbo United only beat Wellington 3-1 in somewhat of a surprise.

It was a lack lustre performance by East Dubbo who failed to play as a team. There were too many individuals.

East Dubbo bombed a couple of sitters while Stuart Dedman and Rex Gower both had goals disallowed.

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SOC' IT TO PHIL



'MR SOCCER' is a cliché — unless you talk about Hungary's Soccer wizard Puskas, or Brazil's Pele, the Soccer magician.

So let's call Albury's Phil Barrett 'Mr Nice Guy'.

Phil was born in 1950 at Ealing, West London, where he started to play Soccer at the age of 5.

He is an electrician, married to Vivian and has a young son, Leigh.

He is a first class Soccer player, a dreamer, and president of the Albury-Wodonga Border Soccer Club since 1980.

Phil has high regard for Soccer and for his fellow players. He was the "PLAYER OF THE YEAR" of the Albury-Wodonga Soccer Association in 1982.

Well respected for his ability, personality and temperament, Phil believes in fair play. He played the game for West London United when he was 23.

He came to Au-

stralia in 1971, took up Soccer and continued to be dedicated to the game. In Sydney he played for West Ryde, before coming to Albury in 1974, when he joined the Albury City Soccer Club.

He was a key defender. He joined the Border Soccer Club in 1978, and also has had a spell at coaching.

His objective is to develop his club as a multi-purpose sporting complex. The club was recently granted a licence under the NSW Registered Clubs Act.

"It's going to be a hard road to bring the scheme to maturity. We cannot do it without the help of the other local clubs, Soccer fans and most importantly without the AWSA," Phil said.

He is thinking of hanging up his boots next year, but knowing him he will never cease to be involved in Soccer, the promotion of the game and his club.

— Frank Finlay.

CDSFA STALWARTS!



U13 Youth League. Back row: A Patane (Manager), R Mirco, K Medanic, M Briscas, P Giannopoulos, S Richardson, G Molina, A Genovese, N Perdicarous, R Patane (Coach). Front row: G Tassis, B Hugo, R Hormazabel, G Giannokakos, J Ruperto, A Miracola, G Arrows.



Under 14 Youth League. Back row: R Fagan (Coach), A Montesano, G Giannopoulos, A Metrone, J Rinaldi, S White, D Barrett, F Falcone, G Byrnes, R Gander (Manager). Front row: C Empeigne, S Gander, G Curcio, T Perugini, D Corella, S Fagan, T Johnstone.



Under 15 Youth League. Back row: S Cardillo (Coach), J Musumeci, T Pazarino, A Hatzioannou, S Parle, W Cerar, S Lopizzo, P Tadarello, L Popez, S Sorbello. Front row: S Healy, L Akdogan, V Taskin, R Cold, A Filladites, S Mitrovic, A George.



Under 16 Youth League. Back row: A Carmona (Manager), S Strasshofer, S Melizza, P Giannetto, G Guerreiro, S Medanic, P Carini, B Pettenon, E Kilgour, R Gabrielli (Coach). Front row: B Ciaramella, D Colagiuri, N Perugini, A Carmona, J Cistulli, A Gabrielli, R D'elia.

LET'S DRAW FROM ALL SECTORS

BLACKTOWN Association's Director of Coaching Chris James will be in charge of the NSW Combined High Schools team at this year's Australian School's Championships.

The series will be held this year in Brisbane from August 29 to September 2.

The time has surely arrived for the NSW Schoolboys squad to be drawn from all sectors of schools in the State.

It is now ridiculous that players from the many Catholic and Independent

Schools competitions do not qualify for selection.

Schools sport organisers should start realising what the present situation is doing to limit opportunities for potentially good players in the game.

If they do nothing then it is time for the NSW Sports and Recreation professionals to step in.

POPULAR COACH CLINICS

NORTH Rocks Soccer Club recently took the opportunity to run the Rothman's Coaching Clinic.

Two senior coaches, Vic Bell conducted the Renkovetsky and Chris courses with more than



TOUGH TEEN REFS

WHO SAID teenagers are not interested in taking up the onerous duties of a referee? Reports Myles Hay.

Christo and Kosta Patsantzopoulos officiate in junior matches in the Newcastle district and have impressed with their strictness and knowledge of the laws.

Kosta is only 15. Elder brother Christo (17) combines his referee duties with turning out as a defender in the Merewether High School side, a Commonwealth Bank Cup entrant.

sixty club coaches and managers in attendance.

The courses covered



many aspects of the game and should provide excellent grounding in the techniques that will improve the level of club coaching.

Aspects of coaching covered included warm-up procedures, basic ball skills, goal-keeping and team training indoors.

The course was originally scheduled for three weeks but was extended

to four due to the popularity of the sessions.

The club is most impressed with the success of the sessions and intends to hold similar training evenings next season.

North Rocks, with 55 teams, is one of the largest junior Soccer clubs in NSW. It is a member of the Granville Association.

— Alan Duffy

John Zorras:
the young
Olympic
Liverpool
striker.

GRIFFITH VICTORS

DESPITE winning all three games in the Riverina Cup finals held at Willow Park on Sunday June 26, the Albury-Wodonga Soccer Association's U/14 rep team finish second in the 1983 series, reports Frank Finlay.

Griffith won the competition.

Under slippery conditions our team managed to beat Wagga 9:3, South-West Slopes 10:0 and Griffith 1:0.

The team's Promotion Officer, Frank Finlay said, because Griffith beat South-West Slopes 14:0 our boys had a hard task to win.

Goal scorers for Albury-Wodonga were Michael Davies 7, Marion Antic 3, Michael Leake 3, Anthony Knobloch 2, Brett Harrison 2, Frank Finlay Jr 2.



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TOP COACH DIES

WEST Germany's Hennes Weisweiler, one of the world's greatest Soccer coaches, died last week at his Swiss home in Aesch near Zurich.

Weisweiler, 64, suffered a heart attack. He coached several of Europe's leading clubs and had a reputation world-wide second to none. His German clubs included Cologne and Borussia Moenchengladbach and he also guided Grasshoppers to success in Switzerland.

When Weisweiler joined Cosmos in New York, he was said to be one of the highest-paid coaches in the world.

Hennes Weisweiler (pictured below) in a moment of triumph after his team, Grasshoppers of Zurich, won the 1982 Swiss Cup Final.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

OVER SEAS



1983 World Youth — Mexico. The best players in the championship were: Geovani (Brazil), Gabrich (Argentina), Aguilera (Uruguay), Klemenz (Poland) and Vanenburg (Holland). Geovani also won the gol-

den boot as the top scorer.



BRAZILIAN coach Jair Pereira will take up his post with Al Chabab of Saudi Arabia as from August 1983 on a two-year contract.

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USA STILL KEEN TO STAGE CUP

THE USA still hasn't given up the struggle to stage the 1986 World Cup — even though FIFA has stated firmly that the host nation will be Mexico.

On August 28, when the US Soccer Federation holds its annual meeting, there will be plenty of discussion about the way the Mexicans were granted the Cup.

The US is firmly convinced that its application was never taken seriously by FIFA and Mexico had the inside running all the way...no matter how valid were the United States claims.

Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, a Soccer "nut" who was closely involved in the US bid to stage the World Cup, is on a committee which has talked about taking FIFA's decision to the Civil Court.

Gene Edwards, president of the US Federation, does not support that idea.

Edwards thinks the Federation should accept defeat in the right spirit without causing too many ripples on the international Soccer scene.

Werner Fricker, chair-

man of America's World Cup Committee is all for action against FIFA.

He believes America should take the battle to FIFA in Zurich, not only for the good of the USA but for Soccer throughout the world.

It doesn't matter what action is taken, however, you can be sure the World Cup of 1986 will be played in Mexico.



The national team had a revamped side during the tour from June 4/22.

The last game against Sweden lined up with Leao (Corinthians), Edson and Marcio (Ponte Preta), Toninho Carlos (Santos), Pedrinho (Vasco), Batista (Palmeiras), Socrates (Corinthians), Paulo Isidoro (Santos), Eder (Atletico Mineiro), Caerica (Sao Paulo) and Joao Paulo (Santos). The tour resulted in two wins and two draws.

ITALIAN GIANTS FACE TOUGH TASK

A.S.ROMA are already installed as favourites for next season's European Cup — even though the draw was made only a few days ago.

Last season, another Italian glamour side, Juventus, were everyone's fancy for this greatest of all club competitions — but they could finish only as runners-up to Hamburg SV.

Roma, with the brilliant Brazilian Falcao to inspire them, have a tough hurdle to leap over in the very first round.

They meet Gothenburg, the champions of Sweden, a team which won the UEFA Cup Final at Hamburg's expense in 1982.

Another strongly-fancied club, England's Liverpool, should have no difficulty getting through the first round in which their opponents will be Odense of Denmark.

In the Cup Winners Cup, Juventus have an interesting assignment — they play Gdansk of Poland, the first third division side ever to win the Polish Cup.

Manchester United face old foes in Dukla Prague, which won't be easy for the Englishmen, but Aberdeen (the holders) should swamp Iceland's Akranes.

Some of the most glamorous teams in Europe will contest the UEFA Cup, indeed seven previous holders of the European Cup are in the 1983-84 UEFA Cup.

Th seven are Bayern Munich (West Germany), Celtic (Scotland), Nottingham Forest and Aston Villa (England) Feyenoord (Holland) Inter Milan (Italy) and Spain's Real Madrid.

That's quite a frightening line-up to test Bel-

gium's Anderlecht, who are holders of the UEFA Cup.

In all three European

competitions, matches will be played on September 4 and September 28.



CURRIE QUILTS CANADA

CANADIAN club Toronto Nationals has folded - and that could bring a star midfielder back to England.

The player is Tony Currie, an outstanding midfielder who used to play

for Sheffield United, Leeds United and QPR.

Only last year, Currie played in the F.A. Cup Final for QPR against Tottenham Hotspur.

Currie has already left Canada and should have no trouble finding a new club.

EUROPEAN COMPETITIONS 1983-84

EUROPEAN CUP:

Hamburg (West Germany) bye into 2nd round, Roma (Italy) vs Gothenburg (Sweden), Athlone Town (Ireland) vs Standard Liege (Belgium), Ajax Amsterdam (Netherlands) vs Olympiakos Piraeus (Greece), Fenerbahce Istanbul (Turkey) vs Bohemians Prague (Czechoslovakia), Rapid Vienna (Austria) vs Nantes (France), CSKA Sofia (Bulgaria) vs Omonia Nicosia (Cyprus), Odense BK (Denmark) vs Liverpool (England), Benfica Lisbon (Portugal) vs Linfield (Northern Ireland), Dinamo Berlin (East Germany) vs Jeunesse Esch (Luxembourg), Partizan Belgrade (Yugoslavia) vs Viking Stavanger (Norway), Kuusysi Lahti (Finland) vs Dinamo Bucharest (Romania), Dundee United (Scotland) vs Spartans Hamrun (Malta), Dinamo Minsk (Soviet Union) vs Zurich Grasshoppers (Switzerland), Raba Vasas Győr (Hungary) vs Vikingur (Iceland), Lech Poznan (Poland) vs Atletico Bilbao (Spain).

CUP WINNERS CUP:

Preliminary round: Swansea (Wales) vs Magdeburg (East Germany).
First round: Aberdeen (Scotland) vs Akranes (Iceland), Innsbruck (Austria) vs Cologne (West Germany), Winner of Swansea/Magdeburg match vs Barcelona (Spain), Juventus Turin (Italy) vs Gdansk (Poland), Famagusta (Cyprus) vs Beveren (Belgium), Dinamo Zagreb (Yugoslavia) vs FC Porto (Portugal), Mersin Idmanyurdu (Turkey) vs Spartak Varna (Bulgaria), Manchester United (England) vs Dukla Prague (Czechoslovakia), Servette Geneva (Switzerland) vs Beggen (Luxembourg), Nijmegen (Netherlands) vs Bergen (Norway), Rangers (Scotland) vs Valletta (Malta), AEK Athens (Greece) vs Ujpest Dozsa (Hungary), Sligo Rovers (Ireland) vs Vaikua Haka (Finland), BK 1901 Nykøbing (Denmark) vs Donetsk (Soviet Union), Hammarby Stockholm (Sweden) vs Nentori Tirana

(Albania), Paris St Germain (France) vs Glentoran (Northern Ireland).

UEFA CUP:

Aston Villa (England) vs Vitoria Setubal (Portugal), Sparta Prague (Czechoslovakia) vs Real Madrid (Spain), Antwerp (Belgium) vs Zurich FC (Switzerland), Sparta Rotterdam (Netherlands) vs Coleraine (Northern Ireland), Banik Ostrava (Czechoslovakia) vs 1903 Copenhagen (Denmark), Austria Vienna (Austria) vs Aris Bonnevoie (Luxembourg), Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) vs Seville (Spain), PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands) vs Ferencváros Budapest (Hungary), Kaiserslautern (West Germany) vs Watford (England), Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia) vs Verona (Italy), Groningen (Netherlands) vs Atletico Madrid (Spain), Laris (Greece) vs Honved Budapest (Hungary), Widzew Lodz (Poland) vs Elfsborg Borås (Sweden), Carl Zeiss Jena (East Germany) vs Vestmannaeyjar (Iceland), Spartak Moscow (Soviet Union) vs HJK Helsinki (Finland), Lens (France) vs Ghent (Belgium), Anderlecht (Belgium) vs Bryne (Norway), Nottingham Forest (England) vs Vorwärts (East Germany), Celtic (Scotland) vs Aarhus (Denmark), Dinamo Kiev (Soviet Union) vs Lavallois (France), Werder Bremen (West Germany) vs Malmö (Sweden), Drogheda United (Ireland) vs Tottenham Hotspur (England), Feyenoord Rotterdam (Netherlands) vs St Mirren (Scotland), Bordeaux (France) vs Lokomotiv Leipzig (East Germany), Radnicki Nis (Yugoslavia) vs St Gallen (Switzerland), Bayern Munich (West Germany) vs Larnaca (Cyprus), Sportul Bucharest (Romania) vs Sturm Graz (Austria), Lokomotiv Plovdiv (Bulgaria) vs Thessaloniki (Greece), Stuttgart (West Germany) vs Levski Spartak Sofia (Bulgaria), Universitatea Craiova (Romania) vs Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia), Trabzonspor (Turkey) vs Inter Milan (Italy), Inter Bratislava (Czechoslovakia) vs Rabat Ajax (Malta).

THOMAS IS UNHAPPY, COULD BE MOVING ON

DANNY THOMAS, the full-back who played for England on the recent tour of Australia, is unsettled at Coventry City.

Thomas is unhappy about being fined two weeks wages by Coventry for statements he made to newspapers.

He seems certain to be transferred and, as one of England's most accomplished young defenders, will attract a big fee. Our tip is he'll join Spurs.



LAST OF THE BIG SPENDERS

SPURS don't seem to be worrying about the recession as they recruit new stars for next season — and even consider paying Glenn Hoddle a ridiculous \$350,000 for just one year.



STEVE SHOOT INTO SHOWBIZ

SPURS captain Steve Perryman wants to carve out a new career in TV, radio and newspapers.

Steve has just signed up with a showbiz agent, Eric Hall, who is a musical entrepreneur.

Hall said: "Steve is a good talker and he looks good. He also entertains a lot of people every Saturday afternoon. I won't suggest anything to him that he is incapable of doing."

This novel move does not mean Perryman is quitting his football career. Far from it. At 32, he has a three-year contract with Tottenham and he hopes he'll still be first team standard when that expires.

Flashback to FA Cup win as Hoddle (left) and Archibald become even more valuable.

But it is inevitable that the glamour London club will have to unload some players to help pay their big bills.

One who could be on the move very soon is black centre-forward Garth Crooks.

Although Crooks and Steve Archibald are a let-

hal goalscoring pair, the right offer would tempt Tottenham to sell Crooks.

The player cost \$1,000,000 when Spurs signed him from Stoke

In the present depressed transfer market, he would now attract offers of only half that figure.



MORTIMER STAYS AT VILLA PARK

AT 31, Aston Villa's excellent midfielder Dennis Mortimer is, naturally, thinking about what the future has to offer.

The immediate future, it seems, will see him remaining at Villa Park.

Mortimer has had tempting offers to drop down in class and play for Burnley or Chelsea but he says he'll see out the last 12 months of his contract with Aston Villa.

"There probably won't be a place for me in Villa's midfield at the start of the new season, but I'll fight to change that and reclaim my first team spot," said Mortimer.



SPURS SIGN A WEMBLEY HERO

BRIGHTON's Cup Final hero, Gary Stevens, (pictured) has been transferred to Tottenham Hotspur for \$500,000.

Stevens is rated by some good judges as England's best centre-half, a rating which might cause England's manager Bobby Robson some embarrassment.

When Robson was manager of Ipswich Town, he gave away the young Stevens on a free transfer to Brighton. But that was five years ago when Stevens was only 17.

"Brighton have been good to me but, at some stage in life, one must move on," said Stevens, adding, "this seems the right time for me."

Stevens was wanted by several clubs but he said: "I am delighted to be going to an ambitious team like Spurs."

BIG MONEY GLENN

SPURS are ready to pay Glenn Hoddle the same sort of money Arsenal are paying Charlie Nicholas ... and that's a lot of cash!

It may just tempt Hoddle to stay at White Hart Lane, despite his repeated wish to try his luck on the Continent.

McNEILL GETS JOB

ALL the guessing games are over — and Manchester City have finally found the replacement for manager John Bond.

Celtic's Billy McNeill, a winner as player and manager in Scotland, has moved to Maine Road to take over one of the glamour positions in English football.

McNeill was not keen to leave Glasgow but as so many other Scots have found out in the past, there is more money in football south of the border.

With Celtic, McNeill was on a salary of \$34,000 a year. With Manchester City, he'll collect almost double — \$65,000 a year.

And money is particularly important to McNeill right now, due to the failure of a business in which he had an interest.

The company, Milnrow Developments, went into receivership owing \$4,500,000. McNeill had \$100,000 invested in the firm and lost the lot.

At the time, his wife Liz confessed: "We're broke — we've lost our life savings."

So the Manchester City salary will be a lifesaver for McNeill, although he is certainly not moving into a secure job.

With Celtic, he could have had a job for life. City bosses are usually happy to last two or three years!

ROBSON RINGS THE CHANGES

BOBBY ROBSON has been England team boss for only one year but in that time he has selected 16 new players for the international side.

No England manager has blooded so much new talent in such a short time. Even Don Revie did not unearth so many new faces, despite making constant team changes.

Robson clearly is not an admirer of the players who were picked for World Cup duty by Ron Greenwood in Spain last year.

Of the 40 on Greenwood's "short" list for the Cup, more than half will be lucky to wear an Eng-

land jersey again. Critics however, are not sure the new players are any better than those discarded.

England desperately needs goalscorers. Luther Blisset has scored one goal in nine appearances — as has Peter Withe. Sammy Lee scored one goal in seven matches and so has Gordon Cowans. Garry Mabbutt has played eight times for England without even one goal.

One defeat in 12 games is England's recent record



Blissett: more goals?

and that looks good on paper.

Trouble is, the team looks far from good on the playing pitch!